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Observations by Mike Rose

There has been an increase of wrecked vehicles parked on the streets in the Oakridge community. There have been abandoned cars found parked on the streets in our neighborhood. As a community we should not accept this situation, in fact both cases are city violations. We all should be vigilant in keeping our community among the most desirable to live in Garland. Please read in the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA) By Laws Article 1 Organization section 1.2 where it defines some of the reasons why we have the ONA. One will find these By Laws in your ONA Directory and in the ONA web site. The web address is www.oakridgena.com. Whether one calls Code Compliance or the Police regarding concerns, the call remains anonymous. It is indeed important that we all look out for our neighborhood. If we all do this we may have a more beautiful community, we may have a safer community and we may become a more desirable community in which others may want to live. The end result just may be that our homes become more valuable. Wouldn't it be great if we could say that our home values maintain a positive position as a result our concern for our neighborhood.

Speaking of the ONA web site, have you checked it out lately? It has been totally redesigned by our own ONA resident, Nelson Prater. Nelson has created a site that is expected to be used by all the many groups operating within the walls of the ONA. We hope that these groups will send in their agendas, plans or general meeting information to the webmaster. He will post all appropriate data. The more that our new web site is utilized the better it becomes. Thanks Nelson for doing a fantastic job. We should not forget to thank our original webmaster, Larry Dayhoff, for all his work.

Have you heard that our city councilman is now a resident in the Oakridge community and a member of the ONA? We anticipate that our commu-

nity will support our councilman and he will support his new residential community. Thanks Mark and Tami for selecting Oakridge for your new home.

Check out the article about our current membership level. We are at a 45 per cent. Have you talked to your Oakridge friends or neighbors about joining the ONA? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could attain a 50 per cent membership level? That means we need approximately an additional 50 families to join the ONA.

Fall is coming which means that our environmental committee will be working on new plantings. Please keep in mind that the ONA budget is tight. Any extra support (money) you are able to spare will go towards enhancing our entrances. Indicate on your check that it is for additional plantings. We are working towards illuminating the signage at the four main entrances. Stay tuned (or watch) for progress on this project.

We have planned for an informative general membership meeting. Place the date, **October 2nd** at 6:30pm, on your calendar. You will learn how your tax dollars are being spent, what is happening within our police department and what you can do to improve the safety around your home. It would be nice to see a large number of you in attendance as it would indicate to all that we are concerned about our Oakridge community. See you October 2nd at 6:30pm.

General Membership Meeting

6:30pm snacks and friendship time

7:00pm business meeting

- ** Public Information Officer Joe Harn will speak to us about the status of Garland's police force
- ** Councilman Mark Monroe (a new Oakridge resident) will speak to us about the status of the city
- ** Bill Olive our COP Director will share tips on home safety

**SEE YOU OCTOBER 2nd at
OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

On September 2, Council voted to approve the 2003-2003 budget. The City Manager brought forth an excellent budget proposal, however, I felt that it did not fully address some of the rising needs of District 7. After analyzing the results of the benchmarking survey of each neighborhood in District 7, one of the imminent concerns was the safety of the residents. The crime statistics of the district showed an overall increase of 14%, with major crimes against persons being the largest increase. The budget that was amended from the original included 3 patrol officers and 4 firefighters.

Our tax rate of \$64.11 will remain the same. The additional tax revenue generated from the mall in the coming years should assist in keeping this rate where it is. The mall developers will be in town on September 16, to get final approval on their zoning. Although their official groundbreaking is yet to be determined, they are making steps to getting this project underway.

Other upcoming events in Garland is the Trinity Trash Bash, on Saturday, September 27, from 8 AM-11 AM. This will take place at Spring Creek Greenbelt Park, 6006 North Shiloh Road. This is an additional site to the main event that takes place at Audubon Park. The area is in great need of trash pick-up, and the event will help beautify our District. Lunch and awards ceremony follow at Audubon Park. Your help would be greatly appreciated, and I hope to see you there!

I will be sending a more detailed email update on the budget soon. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions, or would like to be added to email updates.

Sincerely,

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C.O.P./Crime Watch Report

By: Bill and Brenda Olive

Crime Stats for August: As of this date (9/9/03) we only have the incident reports through August 16.

In the 2300 block of Diamond Oaks on 8/15 there was a vehicle burglary and a habitation burglary at the same address. This occurred during the early morning hours.

Oakridge Citizens on Patrol receive "Award" from Police Chief Bates: At the August meeting of the Garland Crime Watch Group three Oakridge patrollers were presented "Certificates of Appreciation" for their dedication patrolling Oakridge. Jim Cook, Bill Edwards, and Jerry Giles have been watching over our neighborhood for several years.

Thieves take off on Labor Day: On Sept. 1 our patrol noticed that there were too many garage doors open for reporting. Thieves do not take holidays off. When/if you are working in front of your home and live on an alley, or, your garage faces the street and you're working in the back yard-take the remote for the garage with you and close the door. Filing police reports and completing insurance paperwork are time consuming; it's much easier to prevent the crime by protecting yourself.

Welcome back Sam!. Oakridge welcomes back Officer Sam Castorani as our Neighborhood Police Officer. Officer Castorani was our NPO about 2 years ago. He was previously in law enforcement in Delaware and came to Garland about 6 years ago. Sam graduated from TCU where he participated in Army ROTC and after receiving his commission he spent "some time" in the Army. Today, Officer Castorani is a Captain in the Army Reserve. We are fortunate to have another one of "Garland's finest as our NPO. Although we would like to claim Officer Castorani as "ours" alone, his neighborhood encompasses a large portion of North Garland.

Saturday's Gals: The C.O.P. will be initiating a patrol focusing on open garage doors. Two of our female patrollers have "volunteered" to spearhead this drive. Blue "door hangers" provided by the Garland Police Dept. will be left at residences where garage doors are open and unattended in an effort, once again, to alert residents of the inherent dangers in leaving their doors standing open.

Light the Night: Certain areas have the misfortune of not having enough street light at night. Notices will be going out to owners in these areas suggesting they leave front porch lights on. There are electronic devices available that will do this automatically as well as items that enable one to have the light(s) on from dusk to dawn.

October Meeting: At the Oct 2nd membership meeting we plan to have several "gadgets" to show members to help them protect themselves and their property. We also hope to have a map showing all incidents since Jan. 03 on display. We'll also have "no soliciting" signs available for sale for those who haven't gotten one before-cost is only \$10.00 each.

Signs that you're not at home:

- * Uncollected phone books, flyers or newspapers at your front door.

- * A front porch light on when you go away, but not when

you're at home. (Put it on every night, light up the yard!)

- * A house that is "dark inside" during the evening.

- * A house where the blinds are closed when they're usually open during the day.

- * Your answering machine picks up on the first ring when it normally doesn't pick up for 3-4 rings.

- * Uncollected mail in your mailbox.

Are you guilty of any of these things? Why not have a neighbor or friend or "Let Sue Do It" to ensure nothing accumulates on the front porch. Stop delivery of your newspaper. Put motion detectors on your exterior spot lights, install "dusk to dawn" lighting outside. Use timers throughout your house to mimic your movements around the house as if you were at home. Don't leave one light on! Timers are cheap, they're easy to set and lamps plug readily into them. Have them come on and go off in different locations around the house. Perhaps have that friend or neighbor come in and open the blinds in the am and close them in the pm so that it appears someone is home, and when they close them at night, tell them to leave one slightly ajar-in the uptilted mode, so that light shows through but no one can look inside. UN-PLUG your answering machine or pick up the messages via remote and reset the machine so that it picks up normally. Tell a neighbor, or more than one, that you're going away, where you're going, when you'll return, etc. and ask them to keep an eye out for you. When they travel you can return the favor.

On Labor Day we had two individuals going house to house, "leaving a card" in mailboxes. What a perfect way for them to 1. steal your mail or, 2. determine you're not at home because the mail hasn't been collected over the week-end. NO ONE should be putting anything into your mailbox other than the mail carrier; unfortunately, some individuals do not understand this and continue to violate the law in this regards. It is however, a perfect method of determining whether someone is at home or not. Long week ends away are great, but not if they leave you vulnerable. Take precautions.

Finally-sliding glass doors. These are burglar's favorite entry point because most have flimsy factory installed locks and they can be relatively easy to lift out of their tracks to pop the latch. To prevent lift-out simply drive a couple of screws into the top track, leave the heads protruding, not enough to impede opening the door, but sufficiently so the door can't be lifted up unless the screws are removed. You can also supplement the existing lock by laying a cut-to-fit dowel in the lower track when you close the door, or, use a metal paint roller extender that turns to extend it in and out. Extend this to the correct size to fit the door, lock into place with the locking mechanism on the pole and place it into the door track. Another way is to drill a hole through the center of frame at the top of the door through into the door (glass) frame, insert a screw into the hole that can be easily removed from the inside when you need to open the door. This is invisible from the outside and isn't unsightly from the inside either. In addition, you can buy small metal locks at the home store. These fit over the lip of a metal door frame, either at the top or bottom and lock into place by turning a hand screw.

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Garden Patch
By Garden Lover

By now you've been able to determine which plants did well in your yard this year and which ones didn't. Make a list and keep it handy for next year to avoid wasting money on plants that just don't work or that are too much work for you. Some lovely plants just require too much attention or too much water during our long hot summers. A plant that does well here is Daylilies. They produce some beautiful blooms and require little work once the initial planting is done and, even when they're not in bloom they have a nice slender green leaf that adds interest as it moves in the breeze. Unfortunately, they spread if left unchecked, so be sure you plant them well spaced and in an area large enough to allow for spreading. Install a deep border to prevent overzealous plants from getting into your lawn or other areas where you don't want them to go. Then sit back and enjoy.

Have you noticed brown spots in your lawn? It could be a disease called summer brown patch. Ask your lawn spraying/ maintenance company to check it out or speak with a local garden center like Miller's or Callaway Gardens for suggestions. Avoid cutting the lawn when it's wet as this will cause uneven cuts and may spread disease if one is present. Make sure your lawn mower blades are sharp and balanced and don't leave piles of grass on the lawn-you've seen this on the golf

course I'm sure, and it is unsightly at best. At worst, it sets up an environment for fungus to grow and eventually leaves ugly brown dirt spots where weeds immediately start to grow (weeds don't mind a little fungus).

It's MUM time ! The local nurseries have them in stock and fortunately they're not in full bloom yet. That's what you want-plants with just the beginning of buds-not full blooms. Plant them in fresh soil in pots or well dug and fertilized soil in the ground. Planting them now will give them time to take root before they start to bloom so they will last longer. Don't forget to add some fertilizer especially formulated for mums. You can find it at the garden center also. After they bloom, dead head (pinch out all the spent blooms) and they should give you another full bloom. Don't forget to prune them back and mulch heavily to protect them over the winter.

It's also time to pinch out the blossom stems from Hostas to ready them for the winter. Pinching out the stems now gives the plant time to rest and store up energy for the winter and next year. Happy Gardening----

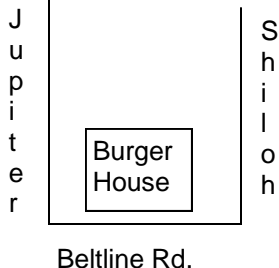




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Laugh a Moment By: E.S.

Saw these "Senior" personal ads in a newspaper. Who says us "older folk" don't have a good sense of humor?

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Memories: I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

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MEMBERSHIP

Jackie Griffin

We have reached a new all time high! We have gotten 529 members! And by the time you read this the directory will be at the printers. If you want your copy, come to the next general membership meeting on October 2nd and we will give you one.

I would like to thank Brenda Olive for all of her hard work and dedication to the ONA and getting the advertisements done for the directory! It is greatly appreciated!

Speaking of advertisers – Do you patronize the advertisers in the newsletter and the directory? Think about this, as some of them are your neighbors and all of them contribute to the cost of the newsletter and the directory, therefore saving your dues for beautification and paying for maintenance of the entry ways. Allowing us to do more for our neighborhood!

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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

Mary Musseman

Our September 9th **COFFEE** was a huge success. We welcomed some new ladies into our group. Delicious food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Our refreshment hostesses were Jo Dietz, Gail Durbin, Audrey Golden, Betty Thomas and myself. Thank you ladies. A huge **Thank You** to Betty Prickett for allowing us to enjoy her beautiful home. We appreciate all the ladies who open their homes to us each month.

We encourage membership in the O.N.A. and hope to see you on **Thursday, OCTOBER 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakridge Country Club for our next general membership meeting. That would be a great time to join if you're not a member. Jackie Griffin will gladly accept your dues.

Our next **COFFEE** will be **Tuesday, OCTOBER 14th**, at 10:00 a.m. Please take note that we'll be meeting at the home of **JO DIETZ**, 2906 Oak Point, 972-530-8308.

BOOK CLUB will meet on **Friday, OCTOBER 17th**, at 10:00 a.m., location T.B.A. at our September meeting. We're discussing *An Accidental Tourist* by Barbara Delinsky. To get a complete reading list for the year, please call **Betty Thomas**, 972-414-1947.

Check with **Mary Pattie**, 972-496-6486 for **BRIDGE** dates and times.

ETC. (formerly **ARTS and CRAFTS**) group will meet on **Monday, OCTOBER 20th** at 1:00 p.m. Call **Becky Parks**, 972-495-8776 for the exact location.

Barbe Brunette, 972-530-4288 leads the daytime **CANASTA** on **Tuesdays** at 1:00 p.m. and **Margaret Fowler**, 972-530-8585 keeps track of the evening group, which plays every other **Monday**, at 6:30p.m.

STITCH & CHAT meets on the 3rd **Tuesday** of each month. Our next get together will be on **OCTOBER 21st** at 10:00 a.m. at the home of **Norene Murphy**, 2830 Stoneridge 972-530-6669.

Last but not least, **FUN ON THE RUN & OUT TO LUNCH** will go to McKinney to shop and have lunch. Meet at the country club parking lot (by the pool) at 9:30 a.m. on **Friday, SEPTEMBER 26th**. Lunch will be enjoyed at "The Pantry". Contact **Lucy Brock** 972-414-9778 or **Valerie Harper** 972-495-7236 for more details.

Only a few more months left with your current **SECRET PAL**. Try to keep them guessing.

Any questions regarding Daytimers should be directed to **Chris Beyers** 972-530-8292 or **Mary Musseman**, 972-414-1098. 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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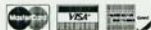
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Garland citizens are invited to do their part to keep Garland beautiful and perform an important environmental service. Since 1992, thousands of Dallas-Fort Worth residents have gathered each September at major parks along the Trinity River and its tributaries to clean the riverbanks of debris. Twenty cities will participate in the 12th Annual Trinity River Trash Bash on Saturday, September 27. Garland has two cleanup locations this year: Audubon Park, 342 Oates Drive, and Spring Creek Greenbelt Park, located in the northern sector of Garland at 6006 N. Shiloh Road.

The Trinity River is an important environmental habitat supporting fish, birds and other wildlife in addition to providing flood control during the rain season. The Trash Bash allows youth groups, families, scout groups, neighborhood associations and other community groups an opportunity to participate in a valuable community service project.

In Garland, Trash Bashers can meet at either Audubon Park or Spring Creek Greenbelt Park at 8:00 a.m. to register. Trash bags and gloves are furnished. Following the cleanup, an Awards Celebration luncheon will be held at Audubon Park where volunteers will be recognized for their efforts. Prizes will be awarded for the most trash collected and most unusual trash item.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to register in advance to be eligible for a special drawing. To pre-register or get more information, contact Felisa Conner, City of Garland Community Services Manager, at 972-205-3864 or fconner@ci.garland.tx.us [<mailto:fconner@ci.garland.tx.us>](mailto:fconner@ci.garland.tx.us).

