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Observations

By Mike Rose, ONA President

I am going to repeat myself – but as has been stated before by many a folk; repetition is a solid form of learning so here it goes.

www.oakridgena.com

This web address is important to you and all who live in our Oakridge community. We are working to keep the information up to date and informative. This can be a key tool to communicate to the neighborhood since the newsletter is not instantaneous.

Beyond the walls of Oakridge; the ONA is working with the city of Garland to add more usable links from our website to theirs. Links such as inspection results made by the city's health department on a variety of eating establishments. The ONA and the city both realize that it can be difficult to find all the usable postings on the city's web site so the ONA webmaster is working with the city to create informative links to the Garland website.

If you have additional questions or comments after you have visited this ONA website then you can submit your questions to the webmaster. The Oakridge web site is becoming a useful search tool for those who live in the Oakridge community. And, as well, for those who live beyond our brick walls.

Do you know one is able to watch replays of any city council meetings by going to the city of Garland's link and then clicking on CGTV? Merely select the meeting date one wishes to view and sit back in wonderment as to how our local government works. You can access the city website through the link below:

www.ci.garland.tx.us

Select the box on the left labeled "CGTV"

Is anyone tired of all the rain?

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District 7 Council Report

By Rick Williams, District 7 City Councilman

You may have noticed on Arapaho Road just east of Jupiter two new 40 MPH speed limit signs which also flash your speed as you drive toward them. Unlike portable radar devices on wheels that are sometimes put out in medians to show drivers how fast they are going, these are permanent radar-based speed indicators. One is for west bound traffic near Annie's Poodle Skirt shop and the other is for east bound traffic east of the old Min-yards. Studies have shown that the two primary causes of accidents are speed and inattention. These flashing radar signs not only show your speed, but also get your attention when your speed is flashed on and off. These are the only two such signs in the City of Garland, and they are not inexpensive. The traffic department will be gathering data to document and evaluate their effectiveness.

I had a complaint this last month that even stumped Code Compliance staff. Specifically, is a muddy sidewalk a violation of a city ordinance? Turns out that it violates Section 31.134 of the Code of Ordinances which basically says sidewalks, driveways, etc. must be safe and free of hazards. For future reference, I'll have to call the Street Department for such an issue.

About 18 months ago I adopted a bedraggled mutt from the Garland Shelter, but since it chased my cats, I had to bring it back. Worried that it might be euthanized, I told the shelter to keep the \$80 dollars I had paid for the dog, and to put a sign on its cage which read "Prepaid dog." They did, and it was quickly adopted as I had hoped. Since that worked so well, the shelter began using that technique with donated money on animals that were likely to not be adopted, and thus, euthanized. It has worked well. I recently created a form to support this process and suggested it be formalized on Garland's web site. If you go to Garland's web site at www.ci.garland.tx.us and search under "animal services," this will take you to the animal services page which has a link to "Sponsored Animal Adoption" program. If you complete the form and send in a tax deductible \$80 (or more) check, you can choose to have your name displayed on the "Sponsored Adoption" sign on the animal's cage and you can choose to have the shelter send you a photo of the animal your donation rescued. I did just that recently, and it was nice to see the photo of the cute Beagle my contribution had saved. There will be a forthcoming article in the bi-monthly *Garland City Press* about this program.

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It certainly dampened the ONA's ability to celebrate the National Night Out in October. Stay tuned for an alternate celebration to be held next spring – weather permitting. Your ONA board is making plans now – any suggestions please forward them to me. You can find my email address within www.oakridgena.com.

We are tired of the rain but only a few years ago Lake Lavon was dangerously low so let's temper our disdain for these soggy days today.

The Holiday seasons are fast approaching and your ONA will again be taking meals to Fire Stations 3 and 11. See the article in this issue for more information OR check www.oakridgena.com for further details.

Your board will meeting in November but will take the month of December off – but that does not mean the work will stop. The board is developing plans that will enhance our neighborhood. Watch for details at a later date.

Firemans Dinners

By Rebecca Chanez, ONA Special Events Coordinator

I am sorry that the National Night Out did not work out. We had such a great event planned but the weather just would not cooperate. We are planning a "Spring Fling" to make up for it and will keep you posted. Also, we do have some upcoming events that incorporate the spirit of giving so we know there will be a great response.

Our Annual Christmas Caroling night will be scheduled on December.10, 2009. We will meet at Oakridge Country Club at 7 p.m. and hope to get a flatbed with hay for the carolers to ride on. We are planning an "After Glow" party. We plan to have a wine/cheese/hot chocolate gathering after caroling. WE NEED NAMES and addresses of those you feel would like and could use some holiday cheer. We will go by their homes and sing a few carols. If you wish to be part of the caroling and would also like to play an instrument, please call me at (214) 227-4181.

To honor the Firemen in our area, the ONA will be taking Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner to the two Fire Stations who service our neighborhood. If you would like to contribute financially, please send your donation to the

Oakridge Neighborhood Association
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If you would like to donate desserts, please contact me so that I can let you know how many we might need and which house will be the designated drop off for your desserts.

As for having a Christmas Decorating contest, we are still pondering this. There does not seem to be too much interest. A decision will be made soon.

If you have any other ideas, suggestions or would like to participate in any of these events, please contact me directly at rebecca_chanez@yahoo.com or by calling (214) 227- 4181

District 7 Council Report

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I recognize that only about 15% of Garland is served by Oncor (i.e., not GP&L customers), but if you have ever wondered who was responsible for a street light, Oncor now has a great web site <https://www.oncorstreetlight.com/>. At this Oncor site, you can search either by pole number, address number, or zoom in on the map to the neighborhood in question and then click on the "Show Lights" button. This displays all the Oncor street lights in the area, and by holding the cursor over the marker for a light you can then see the pole number and report it as being out.

When driving past shopping centers almost anywhere in this area, you will almost always see empty stores with "For Lease" signs. I have long suspected we just have too much retail in this area, and recently I was at a meeting and learned something that confirmed my suspicion. Nationwide, there is about 20 square feet of retail per citizen, but in the DFW area, there is about 40 square feet per citizen. This explains why finding a tenant for the old Minyards store at Arapaho and Jupiter has been so difficult. In next month's article, I suspect I'll have some news about that location.

It's time to brag on City staff again. Our City Secretary (which is an important legal/administrative position--not clerical) was elected president-elect of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc. (TMCA) at the organization's annual meeting on October 8. TMCA, Inc. is a statewide association with more than 925 members. Mary is a very personable individual, and I was extremely pleased to see her elected. This honor brings credit to both her and the City of Garland.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to call me (214 535-2648) or E-mail me at rickwilli@gmail.com.

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Things Financial and Personal

By Dave Morgan, CPA - ONA Treasurer, Mortgage Broker, Real Estate Broker, Investor

Disclaimer – You should consult with your professional advisor before acting on any of the recommendations or ideas that follow. The author is not an attorney and does not profess to be providing legal, tax, financial, or personal advice. Dave will be happy to meet with you to see if your personal facts and circumstances would warrant any action on your part.

First, did anyone note the migration of the Monarch butterflies to the south in the previous weeks? Their offspring will be headed north past us this Spring.

Now, let's talk about living trusts. Let me just hit this between the eyes right from the start. The selling of living trusts to the elderly has and will continue to remain a huge problem of overhyping, misstatement, mismatching, and/or a ruse to sell their other investment products with their high sales commissions to those lacking the informed strength just to say "No" to a professional sales pitch. What makes it worse is that the person making the sales pitch is there as a result of someone else who referred that sales person because they were "convinced that the living trust was the best thing since sliced bread". In fact, the Bureau of Consumer Protection's Division of Enforcement at the Federal Trade Commission with the assistance of the AARP, the BBB, and 21 state Attorney's General brought Pre-Paid Legal Services under the grinder for engaging in deceptive trade practices in selling living trusts.

Now, are living trusts a bad estate planning tool? No! Just know that a living trust, just like any estate planning tool, must be used when and where it is appropriate and beneficial. Just know that living trusts are most appropriate for individuals with significant wealth that perhaps have extremely complex investments and/or real property in multiple states. Otherwise, there are other alternatives that will work.

Stop. What is a trust anyway? The establishment of a trust creates a separate legal entity – think of the formation of a trust being similar to the formation of a new corporation that is a separate legal entity as well from its owners. State law along with the written trust instrument guides the duties, powers, and responsibilities of those that are parties to the trust. The legal title of property transferred into a trust is in the name of the trust (not in the creator's name any longer), and those assets are managed by the Trustee for the benefit of the Beneficiary(ies). A living trust is a trust that begins while its creator is still alive (living) and continues after the creator's death. On the other hand, the testamentary (last will and testament) trust starts and continues only after the creator's death.

Well, let's discuss some of (but not all) common myths about living trusts.

"Since I have a living trust, I do not need a will." Wrong, wrong, wrong. A living trust is never ever a substitute for a valid will that should mesh seamlessly with the living trust.

"Living trusts can reduce or eliminate my estate and income taxes." Wrong. Living trusts typically have no impact at all upon an individual's tax liabilities.

"Living trusts will save the Trustor (the person that creates and funds the trust) time and money." Wrong. All estate planning tools, inclusive of living trusts, have a time and cost investment element. In some instances, living trusts can require an extra investment since the trust starts before the death of the Trustor.

"Living trusts can shield the creator's assets from the creator's creditors." Wrong. As long as the creator is alive, the assets can be attacked.

"Living trusts cannot be challenged in court." Wrong. Any legal arrangement can be challenged and then has to be defended in court. Creator competency to create the living trust is a common attack.

"Living trusts provide complete privacy." Wrong. There is no guarantee that the public will not have access to the terms of a living trust because some State governments require filings inclusive of the trust agreement and that becomes part of the public record. Banks and brokerage houses will almost always require a copy of the trust agreement before an account can be opened.

"Living trusts are the only means to protect the creator should he become incapacitated." Wrong. There are a number of other tools that can be used to cover different types of incapacity.

"Living trusts are the only way to avoid the extreme costs of probate." Wrong. There are many ways to avoid probate, and even going through probate with a well crafted last will and testament can be a little less expensive than the trust process.

Despite reading this, you may still end up having someone sell you a living trust in your home or in one of those hotel seminars - in other words, not in the seller's permanent place of business. There is a federal law that covers you in this high pressure sales effort. It is commonly called the "Cooling Off Rule", and it gives you the right to cancel the deal within three business days when you get your senses back under control. You must send the notice of cancellation IN WRITING to the seller's address that must be on their paper work – I suggest you send it via certified mail with a return receipt requested, and that you keep that receipt and the contract securely filed away should it be needed if things get contested.



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Oakridge Daytimers October Coffee

By Dianne Winters

Umbrellas made the fashion statement on October 13th for about thirty Daytimers who braved the rain to gather at the home of hostess, Betty Prickett. Food was provided by hostesses Doris Autrey, Margaret Fowler, Brenda Olive and Charlotte Vaughter with a special treat created by Audrey King. Janice Schadegg and Sally Weiss were at the door to welcome everyone, Jo Ann Williams was distributing name tags and Mary Pattie was busy collecting dues that totaled to 38 members.

After a time of socializing and brunching, the president, Ruby Nell Ormon, thanked the hostess, welcomed everyone and introduced new member, Mary Powell.

Group reports were given by :

Book Club leader, Peggy Crenshaw, who announced the book review to be given by Jim Gatewood.

Ladies Night Out date was discussed by Sally Weiss – It changes so watch the calendar for updates.....thanks to Sally for the email messages and to Charlotte Vaughter and committee for phone messages.

Shirley Mohler announced that the ONA Neighbors Night Out was cancelled due to rain and Becky Thomas added some information.

Dot Mohrle announced that substitute list for bridge was available and Becky Thomas invited anyone that was interested to call her to play Mah Jongg.

Audrey King announced October and November birthdays.

Becky Thomas gave a report on her mother in law and former Daytimer member, Betty Thomas. Other reports were given

about Ruth King and Nancy Murray. Sharon Carlton reported on the progress of the treatment of her son's illness. Condolences were sent to Robbie Lang on the death of her husband, Guy Lang.

Fun On the Run planned by Mary Jensen- Tuesday, **October 27th** – to the Arboretum.

Meet at the Oakridge Country Club Parking Lot at 9 am.

Ruby Nell Ormon announced the plans for the upcoming meetings and solicited volunteers for hostesses.

Shirley Mohler introduced the speaker, Bonnie Bradshaw, president of WildCare, a non-profit group that seeks to reintroduce orphaned or injured animals back to the wild..

Bonnie gave important information on the relationship of man and animal in urban areas.

Great interest was generated by her discussion of squirrels in the area and how to deal with them. Bonnie gave such good information. If you want to know more about WildCare, visit www.wildcaretx.org or call 817 237 8500.

The door prize winners were announced and Ruby Nell invited everyone to meet next month on Nov10th at her home at 2110 Rolling Oak.

Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$15 dues. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge Community and the ONA. Questions should be directed to President, Ruby Nell Ormon, at 972 414 4775.

See pictures of this gathering at www.OakridgeNA.com

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How to Choose a Bathroom Exhaust Fan

By Keith Engler

With homes in Oakridge getting close to 25 years old, it may be time to replace or upgrade your bathroom exhaust fan. This article describes how to choose the proper fan considering the bathroom size, the fan noise level and the budget.. Go to SirFixalotLLC.com to read the full article.

The required exhaust flow is based on the bathroom size and is measured in Cubic-Feet/Minute (CFM). The noise level of the fan is measured in SONES. You will see both CFM and SONE on the box of every fan unit. The following table shows the calculations for a bathroom with dimensions of 9.5' X 7' X 8' = 532 cubic feet used to determine the fan size:

Length	Width	Height	Volume	Required Fan Air Flow CFM = Volume / 7.5
9.5'	7'	8'	532 cu ft	532 / 7.5 = 71 CFM

The loudness of a Fan is rated in SONES and the SONES go from less than 1 and up to 4. The lower the SONE the higher the price and the greater the CFM the higher the SONE. The following table explains these 4 sound levels with fans in the 70-80 CFM range and the approximate price ranges for each.

SONE	Reference Sound Comparisons	Price Range Fan/Light combo
4	The rattling sound of an cheap fan but higher pitch. This is loud for a bathroom	\$50
3	The sound of multiple computer fans like in an open office. This is very annoying.	<\$80
2	The sound of a single computer fan. This is tolerable	<\$100
1	The sound of a refrigerator fan. This is affordable and quiet	<\$140
<1	Gentle breeze that is barely audible. This can be expensive.	>\$140

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A Deeper Look at Garland Water

By Dorothy White, Public & Media Affairs, City of Garland

Garland Water Utilities is a lot like the water and sewer pipes running underneath the city streets – there is much more going on under the surface than you can see. Your City of Garland Water Utility stores purchased water and delivers it to you on demand, tests the water to ensure quality, maintains the infrastructure (pipes and pumps) required to deliver water and remove wastewater, and treats and tests wastewater prior to releasing it back into the water source or selling it.

Garland has approximately **one thousand miles of water lines and one thousand miles of sewer lines** that must be maintained constantly, replaced occasionally and expanded when necessary to accommodate Garland's growing population. Garland has ten water storage tanks – two elevated tanks and eight ground storage tanks. The treated water stored in the tanks and delivered through the City's water lines is purchased from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). Garland is one of thirteen cities that are members of the NTMWD. Under our contract with NTMWD, we purchase approximately 13.8 billion gallons of water per year. The NTMWD provides drinking water to its member cities, plans and develops new water supplies and develops water conservation and drought contingency plans. The raw, or untreated, water processed by NTMWD is taken from five sources:

- Lake Lavon (primary source)
- Lake Chapman (formerly known as Lake Cooper)
- Lake Texoma
- Lake Tawakoni
- The wetlands project Kaufman, TX (completed 2008)

Garland is one of only a few cities in Texas that provides water to its citizens and also provides wastewater treatment

services. Garland's Rowlett Creek wastewater treatment plant is permitted to treat up to twenty four million gallons per day (MGD). Its Duck Creek wastewater plant is permitted to treat up to forty MGD. Both facilities are regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). On average, both plants treat **fourteen billion gallons of wastewater per year**. Both treatment plants discharge treated wastewater into Duck Creek which flows into the East Fork of the Trinity River and eventually into the wetlands near Kaufman.

Garland Water has its own "CSI" team – the Water Utilities Lab. The lab completes over 36,000 water analyses per year in its state-of-the-art equipped environmental laboratory. Garland's Water Utilities Lab is proud to be a NELAP accredited laboratory which is an award given by the TCEQ that ensures all quality standards are met and being followed according to a set of standards given by the State of Texas. The Pretreatment Section of the lab collects over one thousand industrial samples per year from a variety of facilities, such as metal finishers, electronic component manufacturers, food industries, and paint and soap blenders. Samples are collected and analyzed to determine compliance with federal, state and local regulations.

Garland Water Utilities has been recognized numerous times for its innovation and leadership in the water utilities industry. Most recently, the department received the 2009 Texas Municipal Utility Association Outstanding Municipal Utility Award. Garland Water has been recognized nationally for its use of GIS technology, its work management and notification system and for displaying excellence in using fleet management solutions to promote green programs and services. In reality, what Garland Water Utility does "under the surface" is complicated, but the goal is simple: to provide outstanding service to its customers.



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March of the Army Worms

By Kimberly Schofield, Program Specialist-Urban IPM , Texas AgriLife Extension

The fall armyworm, *Spodoptera frugiperda*, eats foliage of many different kinds of plants, such as turfgrass, shrubs, and agricultural crops. Several reports of these armyworms have been seen in large populations as they march in and feed both day and night, causing circular or irregular deadened patches of turfgrass. Armyworms do not usually kill lawns, especially bermudagrass lawns, but will scalp them; however, St. Augustine lawns are more susceptible, and can be completely lost after armyworms feed.



Armyworms have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. The eggs are very small, and are laid on leaves at night. The larvae hatch from the eggs and feed mostly at night. They tend to hide in thatch and debris in the daytime. The young larvae are white with black heads but develop a prominent white line forming an inverted "Y," with stripes along the body

as it matures. The larvae will become 2 inches in length before entering the soil to pupate. Then the adult moths emerge, mate and lay eggs. The adult moth has a wingspan of 1 ½ inches, with silver-white hindwings and dark grey front wings with light and dark splotches.

The locations of large populations of armyworms vary each year throughout the state. However warm, humid climates, along with large amounts of thatch are favorable conditions for fall armyworms to multiply. Armyworms should be controlled when they occur in large numbers or plant damage becomes excessive.

Some Non-Chemical Control Options:

Eliminate thatch to reduce develop sites of the armyworms. Also monitor for sites of infestation in the turfgrass by flushing the area with soapy water if damage is seen but the armyworms are not seen. This will cause caterpillars to move around within minutes so they can be spotted.

Some Chemical Control Options:

Armyworms can be controlled using such insecticides containing the active ingredients permethrin, cyfluthrin, bifenthrin or esfenvalerate. Spot treatments or whole lawn treatments can be effective, depending on the size of the population.

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Large Rainfall equals High Number of Fire Ant Mounds

By Kimberly Schofield, Program Specialist-Urban IPM , Texas AgriLife Extension

Due to all of the rain in October, the fire ants have been expressing their presence by mounding in many grassy areas.



The fire ant colonies were always in these areas, but it took all of the rain to make them move above the soil surface. Since fire ants are a medially important insect pest, steps should be taken for controlling them. In addition, by treating this fall, there will be less fire ants within the area next spring. Before treating for fire ants, one must first survey the area to determine the number of mounds. If less than 5 mounds are present in a quarter acre plot, then it is advised to treat the individual mounds with a bait, drench or dust.

If more than 5 mounds are present, then treatment should be

broadcasted over the entire area. A fire ant **bait** or **contact** insecticide may be used. **Fire ant baits** are comprised of defatted corn grit covered with an insecticide and soybean oil. Before broadcasting the fire ant bait, foraging activity should be evaluated by placing a potato chip or hot dog next to a mound. If fire ants find the chip or hot dog within fifteen minutes, then it is an appropriate time to broadcast the fire ant bait. Fire ants will typically actively forage when the soil surface temperature is between 65 and 95° F. The delivery process of fire ant baits into the colony is so effective, that the amount of insecticide applied in an area is significantly reduced. Fire ant baits should never be watered into the soil and they should not be used if they smell rancid. **Contact insecticides** can also be broadcasted over the entire area and these need to be watered into the soil. One contact insecticide, containing the active ingredient fipronil, can be used for fire ant control and will usually provide 9 to 12 months control.

Both fire ant baits and contact insecticides can be broadcast using a hand-held spreader for small areas or a Herd Seeder can be mounted onto a truck or ATV for larger areas.

For more information, please visit the fire ant webpage at <http://fireant.tamu.edu>.

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Argentine Ants not Crazy Raspberry Ants

By Kimberly Schofield, Program Specialist-Urban IPM , Texas AgriLife Extension

Argentine ants seem to be causing alarm to some homeowners. Many people are confusing them with the Raspberry crazy ant (recently in the news); since they form dense foraging trails and often invade homes and other structures. Argentine worker ants are all the same size, about 1/8-inches in length and are dull brown in color. These ants have multiple queen colonies allowing workers to move freely between colonies. Populations sometimes appear to be a giant super colony. Even though, argentine ants do not bite or sting, their colony size can be in the hundreds of thousands.

These ants usually nest in cavities in soil, under rocks, in flower beds and in branches or cavities of trees. They eat sweets, fresh fruit, and buds of some plants and tend honeydew-producing insects, such as scales and aphids. These ants travel in distinctive trails along sidewalks, up the sides of buildings, along branches of trees and shrubs, along baseboards, and under edges of carpets.

Some Non-Chemical Control Options:

Trim tree branches and other plants so they do not touch structures, since argentine ants can use these branches to get into structures.

Caulk and seal any cracks or little openings around the structure.

Do not stack firewood and building materials next to structures, since these ants can build nests in these materials.

Reduce moisture sources such as leaky plumbing and free-standing water in and around structures.

Clean window sills to remove dead insects, since these ants will feed on dead insects.

Check potted plants for ants before bringing the plants indoors by watering to check for ants moving within the soil.

Some Chemical Control Options:

Spot treatments at points of entry into structures such as around window sills and door thresholds may be effective. Insecticides used for these treatments should be a wettable powder or microencapsulated formulation labeled for this type of application. If colonies cannot be located, bait insecticides can be used. Argentine ants are mostly attracted to sweet baits. Such baits containing boric acid, hydramethylnon and sulfluramid are suggested for control.



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If I could talk, I'd tell the world how it feels to lose a life on the battlefield or how it felt in 1776 with bullet holes in my body lying beneath the trees, how I suffered and died for their freedom and the sake of Liberty.

I'd tell them how I struggled and died during the Spanish American war, how Davy, Daniel and the rest of us fought, to the last, at the Alamo you see.

I'd tell of the sound of pain coming from friends and comrades asking for sudden death, the smell of burnt flesh of those not as fortunate as I, one who had no feelings left. I'd tell of the bravery displayed by these men and the ones who survived how the bodies of the dead and wounded could be seen
Like a blanket of blood far and wide.

I'd tell of the courage that it took to fight my brother during the civil war
And how it hurt to destroy my own country, things just went too far.

I'd tell them how it felt during World War I and II, as we fought Japan and Germany till the end, and how it felt to bury a comrade not to mention a close friend. Oh yes, we won those wars but we suffered much pain, supposedly these were the wars to end all wars, Ha, not a chance for there still more wars to name, like Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq and the rest, oh yes
America you've, had the best.

We fought in the snow and we fought in the rain, it was so cold, I could barely feel my hand and feet, can you imagine the pain? We fought in the Jungles and deserts with all of its heat, sometimes with out water, sometimes without food to eat, but you see, all of this was for a country that we love so dear, for the freedom they enjoy today, yes freedom, freedom without fear.

Then after they've heard what I've had to say, maybe then, they'll take the time to honor me on every Memorial Day, maybe then they'll go to the parades and lift their flags and wave them, high for the Brave Men and
Women of Yesteryear, surely they'll be passing by.

By: CLARENCE H. JONES

Restaurant Review

55 degree Wine Bar is given 3 burps

By Joe & Beth Fagan

The 55 degree Wine Bistro is a delightful venue if you like good wine, good light dining and live music.

They serve wine and beer, by the bottle or by the glass. Their menu is limited by design and features items that highlight the wine, Cheese plates, and Panini sandwiches.

The atmosphere is relaxed with all age groups present. They have tables to enjoy your selections; however you must have a minimum of four persons to make a reservation, otherwise it is first come first serve.

In the band area there are lounge chairs, couches, and end tables to relax away the evening.

The music ranges from Jazz to Latin guitar (Beth's favorite David Gallegos), the music is not too loud and usually starts at eight PM, but for certain bands you need to be there early.

The price of their wine and food is reasonable, but not inexpensive.

55 DEGREE WINE BAR & BISTRO
4709 W Parker RD
Plano, TX
469-241-9551
www.55degreesplano.com

Please consider sending reviews to local restaurants to share with your fellow Oakridgians.

Crime Prevention & Safety

By Bill Olive

Incidents for October (through 10/24)

On 10/24/09 theft of property at 2313 Diamond Oaks (\$1500-\$20000). The homeowner had their air conditioner compressor removed in the early morning hours. The proximity of the unit to the alley entrance made this theft easy for the suspects. We have been told that security companies can install sensors to air conditioning units. It's a shame, but some may wish to look into this.

On 10/1/09 a burglary-habitation at 2630 Big Oaks.

Halloween: Yes, the gremlins will be out and about on Halloween and the COP will be out for as much of the evening as possible. You may have guessed it-----this is not a night when police like to be on duty. Hope all goes well here in Oakridge!

It is unfortunate we were unable to hold a "Texas Night Out" this year because of the weather. We had some very interesting things planned for the night.

If you would like to sign up for the C.O.P "siren" to receive timely crime updates, news releases, and alerts contact us by email at indexva@verizon.net.



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