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Oaktree Board Officers Appointed

COMMITTEE CHAIRS ALSO NAMED

The following 2009-2010 Oaktree Board officers were recently elected.

- ▶ President: Marlin Roberts
- ▶ Vice-President: Shirley Shepherd
- ▶ Secretary: Joe Cornett
- ▶ Treasurer: Drew Kaplan
- ▶ Member-at-Large: Mike Mason

The following committee chairs were also named for 2009-2010:

- ▶ Architectural Control Committee Chair: Byron Johnson, 1043@sbcglobal.net
- ▶ Communications Committee Chair: Nancy Bourne, nbourne@att.net

▶ Common Area Maintenance Committee Chair: Dan Pritchett, dpritchette@webdelight.net and



Board President: Marlin Roberts

Vice Chair: Charlotte Cornett, cornett214@earthlink.net

▶ Safety Committee Chair: Mervyn Burke, csiburm@aol.com and

Vice Chair: Mike MacAdams, mac@macfingroup.com

▶ Social Committee Chair: Tere Lobo, terelobol@yahoo.com.

In addition, our new co-administrator of the Oaktree website is Clint Shank, clint.shank@att.net.

Homeowners are urged to volunteer for one or more of the committees. Your talents could help make Oaktree a better community.

Check the Oaktree website for descriptions of the committees and contact one of the new Committee Chairs to voice your interest. www.Oaktreehomeowners.com

New Neighborhood Rep Program

OFF TO A GREAT YEAR

As our Oaktree community begins the 2009-2010 organizational year, we are extremely pleased with the continuing development of our

Neighborhood Representative Program. The Program was established last year to help enhance our safety, security and communication within all areas of Oaktree.

Last year we were able to

recruit 22 of the 25 Neighborhood Representatives needed to serve all of the streets in Oaktree. All of the Neighborhood Reps, except one, have agreed to continue to serve Oaktree again for the coming

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Beth Tomek

Neighborhood
Representatives
help welcome
new residents

*"Streamlined
Oaktree website
access makes it
easy for everyone
to be connected
and find the
information they
want"*



Online Neighborhood
Directory

Neighborhood Reps cont'd

year. Beth Tomek has also agreed to serve as our new Neighborhood Rep for Brandenburg Court.

Unfortunately, we still do not have Neighborhood Reps for three areas of Oaktree:

- ▶ 5300 Block of Channelbrook Court,
- ▶ 5340-5381 Gatesworth Lane, and

▶ 18740-18780 Wainsborough Lane.

If you live in one of these areas and would be willing to serve as the Neighborhood Representative, please contact Marlin Roberts, (972) 380-8976 or marlin-roberts@yahoo.com.

We are hopeful that through the efforts of our Neighborhood Representatives all

streets in Oaktree can get together in smaller groups to get to know each other.

Neighborhood Reps are also responsible for meeting and maintaining contact with neighbors on their block.

Our community appreciates the involvement and efforts of all the Neighborhood Representatives.

Website Access Now Easier

HOW TO LOG IN TO THE OAKTREE WEBSITE

Open your browser and navigate to: www.Oaktreehomeowners.com

- ▶ Click on the **Login** link in the upper right corner under the banner
- ▶ Enter your **User Name** in the following format: **Firstname_Lastname**
- ▶ Enter your **Password** then click on the **Log In** button at the bottom of the box
- ▶ Navigate to other pages by clicking on the links on the left sidebar

If you have any difficulty logging in to the website or have forgotten your user name or password, or wish to change your password, please contact Marlin Roberts at marlin-roberts@yahoo.com, or Clint Shank at clint.shank@att.net.

New Online Directory Format

Last fall we printed and distributed a neighborhood directory of all Oaktree residents organized alphabetically by street name.

The directory has been uploaded to the Oaktree website and can be accessed by registered website users only through the Neighbor-

hood directory link. The online version is a PDF file which you can click on a link to download and print.

Now the pages have been reorganized individually so they follow in sequence. You can print out individual pages or the whole directory, for your personal and

household use only.

Currently, we are also evaluating the cost of adding a version organized alphabetically by last name.

The online version should be easier to maintain and keep current, with the help of our Neighborhood Reps.

Communications Committee



Carole Swan, Lorraine Burke,
Clint Shank, Gail Mersbach,
Nancy Bourne, Catherine Gould

The Communications Committee continues to develop new and improved ways to communicate and connect with Oaktree residents. The print version of the quarterly

newsletter will soon be changing over to digital media: email blasts and website publishing. This will allow residents to be better informed, save money and be environmentally friendly.

Our goal is to have residents look to the Oaktree website as their primary source for neighborhood news, alerts, events, security, forms, the residential directory, board and committee meeting minutes, and the message board: an interactive topic-based bulletin

board for all registered residents. The website was upgraded last year and will continue to expand content and improve functionality as we go forward.

Please make sure you have already logged in and have website access. Let us know if your contact information, such as email address or telephone number, have changed.

Contact Marlin Roberts, marlin-roberts@yahoo.com or Clint Shank, clint.shank@att.net if you need assistance or have questions.

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Safety & Security Committee

REAR ENTRY GATE ISSUES ADDRESSED

Innovative Security, our Oaktree security contractor, conducted a very successful Tolltag Awareness Day on June 1st and resolved many issues for residents whose Tolltags were not working, particularly well at the front gate. However, Issues

still exist with the back gate Tolltag reader and entryway.

To correct several issues with the back gate, the Board approved the following:

- 1) to move the Tolltag sensor from the current location and remount it on the stone column inside the gate;
- 2) to install upgraded lighting to

provide improved motion detection; and

- 3) to re-position the interior camera to improve the view of the exit.

PLEASE NOTE: For full Board Meeting minutes on this and other topics, please go to the website: www.Oaktreehomeowners.com.

Common Area Maintenance Committee

PLANS FOR REVITALIZING LANDSCAPE IN THE WORKS

The Oaktree Board recently approved a recommendation by the Common Area Maintenance Committee to contract for a new, updated plan for the landscaping of all of Oaktree's common areas.

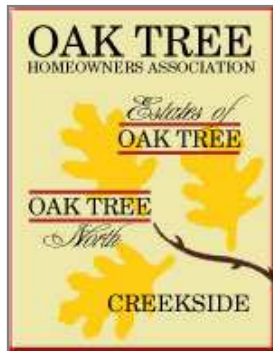
The plans are currently underway and we are excited to get to work on improving the appearance of the front entry and the other areas.

We hope to start working on some of these areas using the remaining landscaping budget from 2009.

Additional Funding for this project will be included in the 2010 budget.



Common area landscaping plans are now underway



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Oaktree is a friendly, safe, family-oriented community with a gatehouse entrance, staffed at all times. There are 306 homes in the three communities that make up Oaktree: The Estates of Oaktree, Oaktree North and Creekside.

The Oaktree Residential Association Board of Directors governs and maintains the business affairs and common property that contribute to the overall ambience and property values in Oaktree. They are assisted by a professional association management company.

In addition, we have several neighborhood committees in which residents are encouraged to participate to further enhance the neighborhood and foster a sense of community. We hope you will consider getting involved and becoming a member of a committee.

www.Oaktreehomeowners.com

Important Notices

► The new, green metal Oaktree notice signs at the front entry and exit gates are posted to indicate that you should check the website for a new security notice or important news.

When you see the signs posted, please login to the website, www.Oaktreehomeowners.com for detailed information.

► Remember your plastic bags when you walk your pets. Please be sure that your pet-sitters are also aware of the Dallas Ordinance requiring that you scoop your pet's poop on our neighborhood streets.

► For all Police, Fire & Medical emergencies, **call 9-1-1**.

► Submit your news for the next Oaktree Shade newsletter to: info@oaktreehomeowners.com.

► Bulk trash pick up is the first **full** week of each month. Watch for reminder signs near the front entry gate.



The Canned Food Drive is On!

► Oaktree's last **Food Drive** was extremely successful and provided food for numbers of Collin County families in need. We are again collecting canned food items for donation this month.

Please drop off your canned food donations at Shirley & Steve Shepherd's home, 5212 Scarborough Lane, between **September 21st and September 27th**.

For more information or questions, please contact Shirley Shepherd at shirleycshepherd@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Oaktree, for continuing to give to those who are less fortunate in Collin County.