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# Oakmore Homes Association

since 1926

## Mission Statement

*"The Oakmore Homes Association is a community of Oakmore neighbors committed to promoting and enhancing safety, beautification, community, and property values in our neighborhood."*

## Letter from OHA President



*Oakmore neighbors and friends gathered to celebrate the Fourth of July in Rocky's Market parking lot. A great time was had by all who attended.*

Your OHA board has been hard at work this year. And what a year it has been! Probably the most impressive project was the launch of our new website ([www.oakmorehomes.org](http://www.oakmorehomes.org)). A special thank you to Jayne Hofer, Virginia Lew, Kurt Lavenson and Bill McGee who devoted countless hours to this labor of love. Jayne, who does not even live in Oakmore, was our rock-steady fearless leader who guided us through this project. Please visit our website to stay informed and give us feedback.

In addition to launching the new website the board was busy helping to resolve a "vicious dog" dispute, working with the Oakland Public Schools in an ongoing effort to include all of Oakmore Highlands in the Joaquin

Miller school district, started the beginning stages of reviewing our CC&R's, stayed on top of the hazardous situation caused by the poor excavation into the hill at the new home construction site in the 2000 block of Leimert which endangered several houses on Bywood Drive, testified at the Oakland City Council regarding maintaining our position on the list for Utility Undergrounding, mediated a dispute among several neighbors regarding a proposed addition to a home and hired our new wonderful executive secretary, Hether Ludwick. And, as if that were not enough, we put on a spectacular July 4<sup>th</sup> party with over 200 people attending. In addition to serving up a BBQ lunch (free to OHA members) we had an eye popping array of door prizes generously donated by Holiday Cleaners, Better Homes Realty, Rocky's Market, Dan R Meats, Wells & Bennett Realtors, Star Inspection Group, Farmers Insurance, Dr. Martinet Chiropractor, De Silva Accounting Group, Patricia Bennett of Better Homes Realty, Los Altos Village Association, Mane Event Hair Salon, East Bay Aikido, Lambing Dental Group

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## **Some of the reasons to become a member of the OHA Board**

**Community service!** Build a sense of community in our area of Oakland and help protect the beauty we enjoy everyday here in Oakmore. **Make a difference!**

Understand your neighborhood. Learn first hand the concerns and interests of your neighbors. **Become an active member of your community.**

Learn how our neighborhood interacts with the City of Oakland and the school board. **You can make things happen** once you know how our local government works.

**Get to know your neighbors.** Get to know your fellow board members well and meet many of your neighbors.

**Gain board experience.** Take your experience with you to other leadership positions.

The current board has five members. At the annual meeting, we are asking the membership to increase the board size to nine directors. This is a working board. We have a wonderful employee, Hether Ludwick, who helps in a million ways, and supports us in the work that we do. **Become an active member of the community and get involved!**

## **Recommendation to increase the size of OHA Board**

As you can see, we have had a very busy year. With the increase in Association activity the demands on the board members time has become greater than anticipated. Therefore, after much discussion, the board of the Oakmore Homes Association has voted to recommend that the membership vote to change the size of the board of directors from five (5) members to nine (9) board members. This recommendation has been printed on your enclosed proxy for your consideration. We will have a discussion on this matter at the Annual Meeting, November 2nd, to address your questions regarding this change.

## **Take the Confusion Out of the Upcoming Election: A Special Event Sponsored by the Oakmore Homes Association**

Confused about the issues in the upcoming special election? Get the straight scoop! Join us to hear a representative from the Oakland League of Women Voters talk about the ballot measures in the upcoming special election. Respected for their impartiality and thoughtful analysis, this non-partisan organization provides speakers to inform the public with an unbiased presentation of the Pro's and Con's on each of the ballot measures in the November 8<sup>th</sup> special election.

We look forward to seeing you at 7:00 p.m., **Monday, October 17th** at Wells and Bennett Realtors. Join us and become an informed voter.

## **Annual Meeting 2005—Save the Date**

Join us at 7:00 p.m., **Wednesday, November 2nd** at the Montclair Women's Club for our Annual Meeting where we will review this past year's OHA activities & events, elect board members, and give the OHA board direction for the coming year's agenda items. Our guest speaker will be Erika Mailman, columnist for the *Montclarion* newspaper and author of the book *Oakland Hills*. She will take us through the history of settlement in Oakland and the Oakland Hills. City council member, Jean Quan, will be present to give us an update on current events at the City of Oakland. There will be food to enjoy while you are catching up with your Oakmore neighbors and friends.

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and W. Thomas Sharp, D.D.S. A special thank you to Lilliana Barbieri for making the colorful signs announcing this event. There is not enough space to individually thank all of the people who so generously volunteered their time to make this such a successful event.

Why do your board members work so hard? Because we believe in the concept of promoting a neighborhood feeling, maintaining a level of quality in our neighborhood that helps assure stability of property values and being a vehicle as a change agent for neighborhood improvement. We provide a vehicle for dealing with your concerns when there is a neighborhood problem. We are here for you.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Montclair Women's Club at 7:00 p.m. (see enclosed article regarding details).

Terry Kulka  
OHA, president



*Byron Bardy is pictured at the July 4th party grilling burgers and hotdogs from Oakmore's own butcher shop, Dan-R-Meats.*

## **Upcoming Events and Activities**

Soon you'll be hearing from your association board about dates you will want to put on your calendar.

**Mark  
Your  
Calendar!**

\*The OHA is sponsoring a presentation by the League of Women Voters to help voters better understand the issues to be decided in this November's election. To insure that early absentee voters can take advantage of this valuable information the event is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17 at Wells and Bennet Realtors (See article for more details).

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\*The Annual Meeting of the Oakmore Homes Association is calendared for Wednesday, November 2 at the Montclair Womens Club. (See article for more details).

\*Partnering with the Friends of Sausal Creek, we are planning a creek walk next spring, after the rains and hopefully at a time we can see new growth.

\*Our big event next spring is an Oakmore Highlands Garden Tour. There are some lovely gardens on this hill and we hope to help you see at least 10 of them.

\*Ongoing outdoor fun can be had every other month on the odd month, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning at 9:30, meeting at 4351 Bridgeview. We sweep the stairs to keep them safe. "Many hands make light work." BYOB—that's Bring Your Own Broom—and spend 30 minutes with your neighbors. You could even whistle.



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**Please complete as soon as possible**

**See you November 2nd, at the OHA  
Annual Meeting!**

**\*A proxy card is enclosed for OHA member households only. Interested in learning more about OHA, call (510) 530-4719 or look us up at [www.oakmorehomes.org](http://www.oakmorehomes.org)!**