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Oakmore Homes Association
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President's Message

It has been an interesting summer for the Oakmore Homes Association, with good news and bad news. Certainly the takeover robbery at the new Red Boy Pizza restaurant was the bad news. On the good side, the Board responded by calling a meeting with the Oakland Police Department and local merchants to discuss ways to improve safety. The immediate, highly visible increase in police presence was reassuring, and we are glad it has continued.

Many neighbors and Board members have attended the startup meetings of the Oakmore, Dimond, Woodminster, Montera, and Lincoln Heights Neighborhood

Coalition for Positive Change (NCPC) for our police beat 22X. Many thanks go to Terry Kulka, our past President, who was instrumental in the formation of this NCPC. In other good news, several new Neighborhood Watch Groups began and we now count five in the Oakmore area. We are available to help you launch a Neighborhood Watch Group in other sections of Oakmore. Just ask!

Neighborhood beautification is a goal of the Association and to that end we sent out a reminder letter that garbage and recycling bins need to be stored out of sight after the pickup day. The response has been wonder-

ful. At our last Board meeting a member asked that we also remind people that when walking your dog/s, you are responsible to pick up after them.

On October 12th, we are again sponsoring a Sausal Creek walk with a guide from the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC). We will also be working with FOSC on a Bridgeview Trail planting project this fall.

It's your homes association so we welcome your feedback, suggestions, and participation.

—Russell Creighton

Annual Meeting: November 5th

OHA's Annual Meeting will be November 5th at Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church. We'll have food at 6:30 p.m., business meeting at 7:30 p.m. and end no later than 9:00 p.m.

Dennis Evanosky, author of *East Bay Then and Now* and *Mountain View Cemetery*, will be our speaker.

Dennis' presentation of Mountain View Cemetery,

will take you through the East Bay's premier Victorian-era cemetery. We'll have a close look at a stunning 1893 panorama with the cemetery front and center. The presentationcont'd on page 4.....

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Wipe your feet — this place was just cleaned!

Have you seen the four public stairways in Oakmore Highlands lately? If you are a regular walker of these stairs or live next to one of them you know that since June every three months they have been spanking clean. In response to requests from our members, the OHA began contracting in June for this clean-up service. In doing so, we are making good on a promise to the City of Oakland.

Just a few years ago the stairways between Arden and Bridgeview, Bridgeview and Leimert, Leimert and Oakview, and Oakview and Hoover posed a hazard and a nuisance to our neighborhood. They had deteriorated over the decades, were uneven and cluttered with tangled overgrowth—quite unsafe to



OHA began contracting to keep the Oakmore stairs clean on a regular basis

walk. Mostly abandoned, they made a good hiding place for folks up to no good. The OHA prevailed upon the City to fix the stairs and the City's Public Works Department agreed, on one condition: The neighborhood had to keep the stairs clean.

Since the ribbon cutting for the “new”

stairs in 2005, we've tried various ways to keep our promise to the City without cost to OHA. We've had volunteer workdays and reminded those living next to the stairs to trim their bushes. Alas, nothing worked very well. The same few people showed up for the workdays and grew tired of the burden. The leaves kept falling and the complaints rolled in.

We're hoping this solution works better for all of us. In between the contractor clearings, each of us still needs to do what we can to keep things fairly neat. Did your pooch leave something behind? Scoop it! That candy wrapper? Go on, pick it up, even if it isn't yours. And if you live next to the stairs, do keep trimming!

Are you concerned about crime on your block?

Learn how to protect your home and family by starting a Neighborhood Watch Group on your block. If at least seven people on your block are interested, call Brenda Ivey at 510-238-3091. She is the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the City of Oakland.

Choose a home to meet at and Brenda will arrange a presentation on how to

keep your block safe and how to create a formal Neighborhood Watch Group. She will print out fliers with the meeting's time, date, and location for you to distribute to everyone on your block.

At least five Neighborhood Watch Groups have formed within Oakmore.

OHA board member Mayo Yu reports, “Recently, my neighbor Beverly Thomason and I started our group on Bywood Drive. Now we have contact information on our neighbors in case of emergencies and are getting to know one another better.”

*Contact your OHA for help in forming your block's NWP
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22X Neighborhood Coalition for Positive Change

As you know, Oakland has experienced an increase in crime, with Oakmore Highlands, Dimond, Lincoln Heights, Montera and Woodminster areas feeling the effects. Last year representatives from each of these neighborhoods (all within the boundary of Oakland Police Beat 22x) started meeting to address the concerns of residents. Terry Kulka represents the Oakmore Homes Association on the steering committee. The result is the new 22X Neighborhood Coalition for Positive Change (NCPC) – one of over 50 Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils in Oakland.

To date, our NCPC has met four

times with about 140 concerned neighbors! From these meetings, four concerns rose to the top and four active committees emerged: “Public Safety/Crime/Drug Activity,” “Traffic Calming,” “Economic Development” and



Your homes association working to help prevent crime in the neighborhood

“Beautification.”

The newly created website www.Oakland22xNCPC.com, has a lot of valuable information. It’s still in its early stages of development, so check in periodically as it grows. Better yet, get involved – the work can’t be done without you and your neighbors. **Be a part of the solution – get involved. If you don’t come, then the bad guys win.**

If you want to attend the next meeting, have questions, or need further information, call Terry Kulka at 510-339-4789 or email her: terrykulka@att.net

Rocky's Indian Food



Don't feel like cooking?
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Bring in this ad by Nov 15,

2008 and receive 10% off any purchase of Indian food take out of \$30 or more.

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510-531-6133

Sausal Creek Walk Sunday, October 12th Bridgeview Trail Restoration coming in November

Join OHA again this year for the Sausal Creek Walk, led by Kathren Murrell Stevenson, Restoration Director from Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC).

FOSC's creek restoration project has helped to change the creek's water quality, and our walk each year gives us a chance to see that change in action and to enjoy this neighborhood jewel.

We'll be meeting at 10:00 a.m. at

Dimond Park Rec Center entrance. **It's free for OHA members**, \$8 per person for non-members. Space is limited to keep the group small enough to hear Kathren against the backdrop of the creek. Get your reservations in early at oakmorehomes@yahoo.com or 510-530-4719. Please leave your name and contact information.

If you enjoy Sausal Creek then you may want to help us plant natives and

remove non-natives along Bridgeview Trail this Autumn. If you've been on the trail you may have noticed the work done by residents this past Spring.

By removing the non-natives, we make the area more habitable for wildlife, reduce fire hazards and make the trail more enjoyable for all. OHA member Steve Asztalos is leading this effort. Stay tuned for the Bridgeview Trail planting details!

Fifth Annual July 4th BBQ

The OHA's 4th of July Celebration was a great success! Both long time Oakmore residents and families new to Oakmore enjoyed the annual get-together.

Rocky's parking lot provided the venue for some good eating and lively conversation. Many residents were able to get to know their Oakmore neighbors. While the adults were busy hanging out, the kids were happy jumping in the bouncy castle and making art masterpieces with the Spin Art machine.

Special thanks to Joe Dashiell, OHA Board member, who han-

dled the logistics, and to other OHA Board members who contributed.

Special kudos to Oakmore residents Jackson Yu and Byron Bardy who were busy at the grill.



Annual Meeting-Dennis Evanosky (continued from page 1)

will explore the cemetery's history and the design of the grounds by one of America's premier landscape architects, Frederick Law Olmsted. Meet the denizens of Millionaire's Row and their famous (and not-so-famous) neighbors.

We'll take a special look at Victorian-era funerary architecture with its fascinating signs and symbols and learn

about Mountain View's surprising connection to the Civil War.

Dennis has been a docent at Mountain View Cemetery for eleven years. The Oakland Heritage Alliance awarded Dennis and friends a "Partners in Preservation Award" for their restoration work of the cemetery's

Grand Army of the Republic plot.

Dennis currently writes and produces the Alameda County Historical Society's newsletter. He has worked as a docent at the Pardee Home Museum and leads the City of Oakland's walking tour of Preservation Park.

*Join us at the annual meeting on
November 5th and learn more
about Mountain View Cemetery*

Red Boy Pizza Lunch Special: Thursday—Saturday 11 am –2 pm

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OHA Pro Forma Budget 2009 (Prepared September 2008)

Fiscal year	2008	2009
Number of OHA Member Properties	227	227
Annual Dues	\$75.00 Estimated	\$75.00 Pro Forma Budget
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Revenues		
Dues, Late Penalties & Lien Settlements	\$17,235.00	\$17,300.00
Interest	\$523.00	\$675.00
Miscellaneous (July 4th Event, etc.)	\$71.00	\$150.00
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Total Revenues	\$17,829.00	\$18,125.00
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Expenses		
Member Events, Meetings, & Benefits		
Annual Meeting (Hall Rental, Catering, etc.)	\$1,150.00	\$1,200.00
Holiday Lights & Decorations	\$75.00	\$75.00
Jully 4th Picnic & Other Events/Meetings	\$1,954.00	\$2,000.00
Member & Community Outreach		
Printing & Copying	\$1,250.00	\$1,300.00
Postage & Mailing	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$50.00	\$50.00
Telephone Expenses	\$75.00	\$75.00
Website & Email	\$150.00	\$150.00
Office Support		
Salary for OHA Secretary (part-time)	\$4,250.00	\$4,500.00
Payroll Taxes	\$1,050.00	\$1,125.00
Office Expenses		
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00
Office Equipment	\$150.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$100.00
Professional Services		
Accounting	\$400.00	\$425.00
Gardening (Stair Cleaning)	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00
Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees		
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filing & Recording Fees	\$100.00	\$150.00
Insurance		
Directors & Officers Policy	\$1,712.00	\$1,750.00
General Liability Insurance Policy	\$1,693.00	\$1,750.00
State Compensation Insurance Fund	\$600.00	\$625.00
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Total Expenses	\$17,059.00	\$17,875.00
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Net operating surplus or (loss)	\$770.00	\$250.00



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We could use your help!

If you'd like to help with the Oakmore Food Drive, Toys for Tots, or the Bridge-view Trail Restoration

contact us: 510-530-4719 or
oakmorehomes@yahoo.com

Start Collecting Food & Toys for Oakmore's Holiday Drive

Last year was the first time that OHA worked with the Alameda County Community Food Bank and Toys for Tots to set up an Oakmore collection point for food and toy drives for the Oakmore Highlands neighborhood. Your response was overwhelming!

In a few short weeks, we collected 385 pounds of food to feed the hungry and almost 200 toys for needy children of Alameda County.

We look forward to opening our hearts again this year. Look for the food collection bins at Rocky's Market and toy collection bins at Wells & Bennett as we get closer to the holiday season.