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Let's Be Social!



OAKTREE HAS IT'S OWN SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE

These days everyone seems to be tweeting on Twitter, sharing on Facebook, linking up on LinkedIn and networking on many other popular social media websites.

Did you realize that we have our own social site just for Oaktree residents? In case you haven't discovered it yet, it's called the Message Board and it's located on the Oaktree website, oaktreehomeowners.com. Just log in and click on the Message Board link in the left column and presto – you're there!

Why should you be interested? The Message Board allows you to find out what's going on, post what's on your mind, interact with your neighbors, ask questions or gather opinions and advice, organize activities, or anything else regarding the neighborhood and it's residents. This is your source to share information and interact with your neighbors online.

For example, you can:

▶ Post your opinions and/or ask others about neighborhood policies, procedures, issues and events

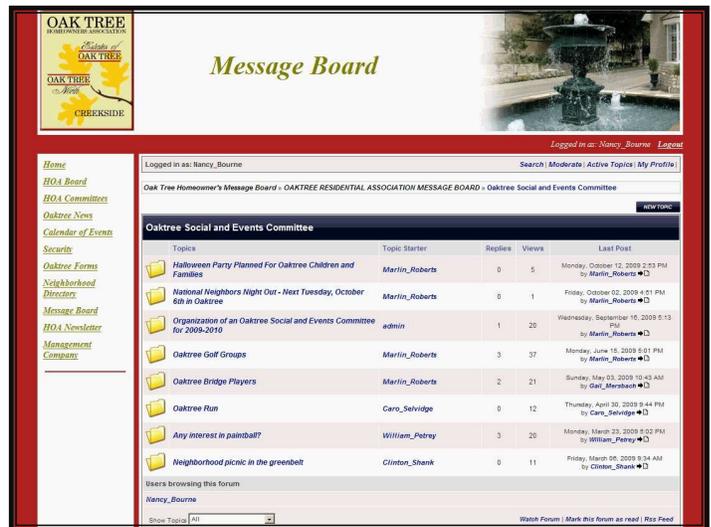
▶ Ask for referrals or recommend pet or baby sitters, lawn care, pool maintenance, painters, handyman or other services

▶ Let others know if you have lost or found something in the neighborhood

▶ Make suggestions and ask others for opinions about neighborhood social activities, improvements, security, etc.

The topics are really unlimited and the Message Board gives you access to Oaktree residents whenever they log in to check out what's new.

As we move toward more online communication, the website and Message Board



▶ Ask for or give advice on landscaping/plants, children's interests, do-it-yourself projects, etc.

▶ Let people know if you've had a significant event – new baby, graduation, new job, special hobby, etc.

▶ Organize a block party, bridge group, golf outing, open house, etc.

▶ Share your new finds – restaurants, stores, entertainment, discounts, deals, etc.

will become your one-stop destination for news and information about your neighborhood. Please take a few minutes to log on and check it out.

The more people that contribute, the more interesting our online community will become. If you have any problems logging in, please click on the **Login HELP** link in the upper right hand corner. Just think, you have your own social media site now!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OAKTREE RESIDENTS!





Common Area Maintenance Committee

NEW LANDSCAPE UPDATE

As you may have noticed, much of the work at our front entry area is complete with new plants at the



fountain and on the lower sides of the entry area.

Stonework around the fountain edge has also been completed and new stone edging for the top of the fountain is underway.

These are the initial steps in Oaktree's new landscaping plan. Costs for completion of the front area are included in the 2010 Oaktree budget. You can view the full plan on the Oaktree website, under the HOA Newsletter link.

As the newly appointed CAM Chairman, Charlotte Cornett also organized the effort that resulted in all of the recently revitalized holi-

day decorations and lights adorning our front entry.

New committee members are always welcome. If you are interested, please send Charlotte an email at cornett214@earthlink.net.



Safety & Security Committee

BOARD APPROVES SIGNAGE AND OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES

Thank you to the participants in the 2009 Safety and Security Committee meetings. The Committee was able to thoroughly discuss a number of proposals to improve safety and security within Oaktree.

Continued effort in 2010 will include resolving speeding within Oaktree and Gate Security. If anyone would like to participate with this Committee, please post to the Website and you will be notified of upcoming meetings.

The Board approved the addition of two Stop signs on Stonehollow Way to convert the intersection of

Stonehollow and Scarborough into a 3-way Stop intersection.

The Stop signs were installed on November 25. Sometime between Nov 25 and Nov 28, the Stop signs were stolen.

Please note that the Stop signs were replaced at additional expense to Oaktree and the theft has been reported to the Dallas Police Department. This theft was a felony and will be pursued.

In addition, the Board recommended that we install a reflective tape on the inside of the exit gate. This will be completed as soon as the correct size is available.

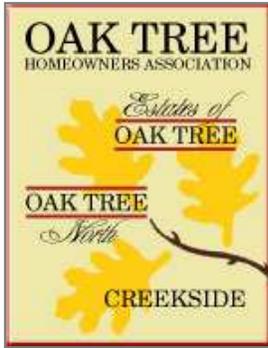
In addition to the above issues, continuing problems in maintaining

the access gate system have led to discussion of securing a vendor, specifically for gate maintenance. A proposal to enhance the Toll-tag reader at the rear gate was approved by the Board but is on hold until a vendor can be secured. This item is budgeted in 2010.

With the 2010 budget planning process, the Committee developed a proposal to install two high-resolution cameras on the exit side of the front gate. This proposal was detailed with the input from Frank Vogler and Dennis Case. The detailed plan was presented to the Board at the November 21 meeting, and approved, pending a firm bid from the Vendor. This item is also budgeted for 2010.

Be courteous to your neighbors during the Holidays – tell them if you are expecting guests who may need to park in front of their homes. Encourage your guests to observe Oaktree speed limits and all Stop signs.





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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.

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Important Notices

▶ This is the last printed edition of the Oaktree Shade. Please check the website under the Newsletter link for future quarterly newsletter publications.

▶ Submit news for the next online Oaktree Shade newsletter to: info@oaktreehomeowners.com.

▶ Remember your plastic bags when you walk your pets and remind your pet-sitters about the Dallas Ordinance requiring you to scoop your pet's poop on our neighborhood streets.

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

▶ For all Police, Fire & Medical emergencies, **phone 9-1-1**.

▶ The Oaktree Coat Drive supporting Metrocrest Social Services will continue through February, 2010. Metrocrest works to prevent homelessness in the community by helping families solve their immediate crisis and make plans for the future. It provides



The Oaktree Coat Drive Runs Through February, 2010!

assistance with rent, utility payments, food, clothing, medical prescriptions, and provides support for a successful job search. In 2008, 11,250 local area individuals received assistance.

Drop of coats at the home of Dennis and Peggy Case, 5120 Ambergate. Please leave coats on the porch if no one is at home; or call 972-896-8206 for pickup. For more information about Metrocrest, go to their website, <http://www.metrocrestsocialservices.org/>

Thank you Oaktree residents for supporting those in need in our community.