



Oakforge Communities-Lakes & Woods

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CRIME WATCH RENEWAL

Recently, Oakforge has experienced it's own mini-crime wave. Vandals "tagged" the Georgetown entrances and fencing. In September several homes were broken into, then there were a number of shed burglaries.

You'll be happy to know that Karen Hoff, one of our neighbors, has agreed to revive our Neighborhood Crime Watch team. For more information we've included a pamphlet with this newsletter.

In the meantime, please call the Police if you see any activity out of the ordinary.



BOARD BUYS \$10,000 CD



Last year our community earned only \$2.00 in interest from our bank accounts. Determined to do better than this in 2007, the Board has directed Affordable HOA to purchase two CD's at more than a 5%

interest rate : One CD will mature in 12 months, the other one will mature in 23 months.

CD's are a safe way of saving for the long-term. They typically pay higher interest than savings accounts without any of the risks that other investments may incur.

These CD's will be the basis of our improvement fund especially the fence fund. We need about \$50,000 for that project, of which about \$10,00 has already been spent for new posts and board replacements.

The Board continues to try to enhance the community face while keeping dues stable.

If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to call Cindy Dean, Affordable HOA at 885.7462 or email cindyd@affordablehoa.com.

Other websites to save you money are:

www.bankrate.com
www.farecompare.com
www.compareprices.com

We want to take this time to welcome new homeowners to the community. We hope you feel you've made the right choice to live in the Oakforge Community. If you have any questions or you need a copy of the covenants,

Please contact:

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Current Board Members

Dale Buchko
Scott Cunniff
John Drew
James Nelson
Marge Thomas

ARCHITECTURAL CHANGES

We would like to remind all homeowners that if you are planning any external improvements, which includes, but is not limited to barn, fence, deck, color change, etc., you must contact Affordable HOA Management Service for an Architectural Control Committee (ACC). No improvements may be started within 30 days of submitting your request, or until you have received written approval from the Board.

SNOW & DUES

Wow, this summer just flew by! The leaves have all fallen and the holidays are here. With the colder weather at our door, it is time once again to ask you to keep the streets clear for the snow plows. On December 1st invoices for the association dues will be mailed. Again this year the cost is broken up into two payments of \$99.00 each. The first installment is due January 1st 2007; the second is due July 1st 2007. Invoices for the second installment will be mailed on June 1st.



We hope you have enjoyed the new landscaping at the entrances. The board is committed to its upkeep and continued improvement.

MAINTENANCE TIP

- ✓ If your clothes dryer exhaust pipe goes up the wall behind the dryer, over the garage and outside, you'll want to clean that outside vent 3-4 times a year. A clogged vent causes the dryer to take much longer to dry clothes and is a fire hazard.

OAKFORGE GOES ELECTRONIC

Do you enjoy chatting about pertinent issues? If so we encourage you to visit our neighborhood link site and get involved with the community. Check us out on the web at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/indy/oclw/. You can engage in forum discussions, find out about community activities, read old newsletters or simply learn more about our community.

We started the site this summer and so far here is the tally of hits or visits, June-157, July-244, Aug-362, Sep-305 and Oct-814.

As of this writing there were only three residents with a web page, however. This site is extremely user- friendly, and a personal web page can be added in minutes. So bookmark our home page today!

DAFFODILS, TULIPS, AND CROCUS, OH MY!

One hundred and forty-five spring bulbs have recently been planted at the Georgetown entrance by our neighbors Karen Hoff and Debbie Manfree. These women spent about three hours preparing that island to look beautiful this spring. You'll see beautiful red, yellow and purple flowers

everywhere this spring. Thanks Debbie and Karen!!!

As a matter of fact, many community residents have helped to keep the islands clean by removing weeds and other debris. Anyone wanting to help, welcome aboard. No need to ask anyone. Just do it!!!

Last but not least we hope you have noticed the ornamental grasses and shrubs we have added. John Drew headed up this improvement; he had lot of help and I think we all agree that it looks

marvelous!



Important Numbers/ Tips

Non-Emergency
327.3811

Mayor's Action Line
327.4622

Toxic Tox-Away 2nd &
4th Sat. of ea. Month
7400 Lafayette Road

Heavy Trash pickup
2 items every month,
normal pickup time

Old phone books
Northwestway Park

Cindyd@affordablehoa.c
om 885.7462

Did You Know????????

- Monarch caterpillars were spotted this fall in the islands. Will they hatch spring of 2007? Or were they too late?
- Lavender is not only good to smell but a bug repellent; people in earlier ages put it in linens to ward off moths, etc. Did you know we have some in at the 59th street entrance?
- Part of our community used to be a walnut grove?

FROM THE KITCHENS OF OAKFORGE

Sharing some of our community's favorite recipes. If you have a particular favorite you would like to share, please visit our neighborhood web site and submit it in the "From the Kitchens of Oakforge" section. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

UNCLE SUSIE'S BEER BREAD

3 cups self-rising flour
½ cup sugar
12 ounces beer (any kind but experiment, different tastes)
2 tablespoons melted butter
½ cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans) optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F

Butter or spray a loaf pan and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, beer and nuts (if used) and mix well. The mixture should be sticky. Pour into the loaf pan and bake for 55 minutes. At the last 3 minutes of baking remove from the oven and brush or pour the butter over the top and return to the oven.

AUNT RICHARD'S CORN CASSEROLE

15 ¼ oz can whole kernel corn, drained
14 ¾ oz can cream-style corn
8 ½ oz package corn muffin mix (Jiffy)
½ cup sour cream (low fat or lite to save the calories)
¼ cup melted butter (margarine for low fat to save the calories)
1 to ¾ cup of shredded Cheddar cheese (low fat if you can find it to save the calories)

(Note, there is no way to make this dish so it won't make it a little harder for you to get between the arms of your chair so don't eat it too often)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 1 ½ quart casserole with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, stir together the canned corn, corn muffin mix, sour cream, and butter. Pour into the prepared pan and bake until golden and no longer jiggly in the middle, about 45 to 55 minutes (watch closely at 45 minutes). Top with cheese, and return to the oven for about 5 minutes or until the cheese melts and or browns. Let it stand for a few minutes (5 or more) and serve. Serves 6 to 8 unless Cousin Sylvia is hungry, then 4.

Want to get involved? The board is currently actively seeking enthusiastic individuals who want to help their community remain an ideal and safe place to live. Our goal is to have a diverse board, culturally and gender, that represents the make up of the community. Please, if you have interest and want to make a difference for our community, contact Cindy Dean at Affordable HOA and submit your name for consideration, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

