

OAKRIDGE ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2008

http://www.oakridgenp.org

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Homeowners have commented on drivers "racing through our neighborhood" and asked me to say something to encourage drivers to slow down.

We have two major access points into Oakridge, one on Lesser and one on Clara Vista. At the beginning and end of the day, Lesser and Cayo Grande in particular become a little crazy.

In the morning, drivers practice their Reino speeds before leaving our tract. At the end of a workday, many drivers fail to slow down as they approach home. And throughout the day, cars often exceed the speed limit of 25 as illustrated in the map below.

Police have told me that "the drivers who are speeding are actually those who live in the community."

Our hearts break when we see a child or an animal get hit, so *please*, let's everyone watch your speed.

Suzy Wilson



The White Zone = 25 mph Only

THANKS TO THE CALL TEAM

The successful May 17 Oakridge Garage Sale would not have been possible without the efforts of Steve Simmons and The Call Team, who hosted this second annual community-wide event. He paid for the banners, the ads, and homeowner sale materials. You can thank him at steve@thecallteam.com or (805) 267-4900.

SUBMIT ARCHITECTURAL REQUESTS EARLY

Summer is the season when the Architectural Committee gets most of its requests. Here are some helpful hints to speed your request through the committee.

When do I need to submit a request?

The Architectural Guidelines (on our website) state that approval is required "for any changes to the exterior of the home, outside structures, and landscaping." If you are making a repair or changing out plantings with the same thing, no request is required.

Where do I get the forms?

They're on our website—just click on <u>Get Forms</u>. Each of the numerous forms is targeted to a specific task. Using the correct form will speed up the approval process.

What information do I need to put on the form?

There are certain items that really make the committee's job easier:

• Briefly describe the change. Where will it be on your property? Distances from property lines are the most helpful. If it's hardscape, tell us what it's made of (wood, concrete, block walls, etc.) and provide sizes (hardscape dimensions) and colors you plan to use.

- Submit manufacturer's brochures. They're a great source of color and material information. If you're not doing the work yourself, ask the contractor to provide brochures.
- For plants and trees, describe them and include a drawing showing the location of the plantings.

The Architectural Committee is manned by your neighbors as volunteers. We push through the requests as quickly as we can.

Scheduling committee meetings during this time of year can be difficult and sometimes we take the full 30 days to process your request. Therefore, please submit your requests as early as possible. Thanks for your patience.

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Meetings are normally at 7 pm on the 2nd Thursday of odd months at:

Casas de la Senda Clubhouse 3780 Cabrillo Avenue

Visit our Web site for specific meeting dates.

Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Meet the Board. Ask questions. Voice your concerns.

Community bulletin board: South side of Calle Alta Vista at Las Colinas

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