



July 2025

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

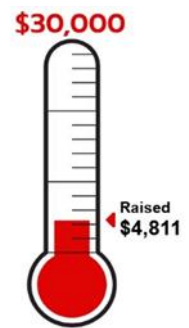
Summer is here! We hope that you're enjoying the diverse beauty of the Bay Area from the foggy coast to the warm, sunny inland valleys. And we hope you will send your pictures and stories to us to make our newsletter more useful and interesting!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Oakmore Community LPR Program –An Investment in Community Safety

On July 21 we launched a community-wide fundraising campaign to raise \$30,000 to install Flock License Plate Recognition cameras (LPRs) at strategic points in the neighborhood. We hope you all received the email about the program and fundraiser. If not, then please see details [at our website](#). And you haven't already contributed, please [click here](#) to donate as much as you can. If you have any questions about the program, please contact us at oakmorehomes@yahoo.com.

Many thanks to all of you who have already contributed!



A new tradition?? Oakmore's First Baby Party – June 14, 2025

As you may have noticed on your walks around the neighborhood, there are so many new babies in Oakmore! We hosted the very first neighborhood baby party in our front lawn at 1635 Leimert Boulevard. We had babies, grown-ups, and older siblings all gathered to sit in the sunshine, sip some mimosas, and connect with our new friends, big and small. It was delightful to see so many smiling faces and chubby cheeks. Can't wait to watch all these kiddos grow up together in our sweet neighborhood! **Contributed by Emily Gilley, Ryan and Baby Josie**



NEIGHBORHOOD NATURE

Enjoy it.....

- *Wild Turkeys of Oakmore* - These wild turkeys were seen around Oakmore during the last week of June 2025. Wild turkeys are often seen in small groups and gobbling in the spring and early summer. A group of wild turkeys is usually known as a flock, but it can also be known as "a run" since these big birds are known to duck

their head and run in to dense vegetation. To avoid nocturnal predators, wild turkeys take to the trees to roost for the night. (Story and photos: **Alexis Schroeder**)



- *Lovely Sausal Creek* – a neighborhood treasure – see opportunities for exploration and participation at [Friends of Sausal Creek](#)

Respect it....



Be Safe! – It's Coyote Pupping Season. Coyotes are fascinating and ubiquitous, but they can be aggressive during pupping season. (**Ruth and Butch Walker** recently saw a large one strolling up Leimert!) If you are walking with small children or dogs, please be careful. For tips on what to do if you have a coyote encounter, please [click here](#).

KEEPING OAKMORE SAFE

Crime Watch

We are very fortunate to be living in one of the safest neighborhoods in Oakland. **BUT...crime happens here in broad daylight!!** That is why we encourage you to **contribute to the LPR Project**. They will help law enforcement to apprehend criminals more quickly and effectively.

- **Lower Leimert - Late June** - during a two week period a mail truck was robbed, two cars were stolen, and a home was burglarized
- **Melvin Road- July 27- Daylight** Robbery between 11:30 - 2:00PM. They somehow jammed our signal and our cameras weren't working in that time frame. Our alarms also triggered a couple nights ago, might have been them testing it out. Please be safe everyone, and let us know if you saw any one suspicious around in Melvin Rd, it seemed like a very elaborate scheme.

Fire Safety – FireWiseUSA

As you know, there is an insurance crisis in California, and it is only getting worse. One way to mitigate risk and possibly *lower insurance premiums* is for Oakmore to become Firewise recognized. This would require a concerted effort by a team of dedicated volunteers, but it is something that we can do to keep us all safe. Many surrounding neighborhoods are already Firewise recognized. For more information about the program and how to become a FireWiseUSA site [please click here](#). Or go to the Oakland Firesafe Council's website at <https://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/programs/#firewise>.

If you are interested in working on this important effort, please contact the us at oakmorehomes@yahoo.com.

Safety Tips

- **If you have experienced a crime** report it to the police, let your neighbors know and contact us at oakmorehomes@yahoo.com. That way we can spread the word.
- **Keep your garage doors closed** – if you see a neighbor's door open, tell them or close it for them.
- Click here to [register for USPS Informed Delivery](#) to be notified daily of what you should receive in the mail, and report lost mail.
- **Call MACRO** – (510)446-2276 - The Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) is a community response program for non-violent, non-emergency, non-criminal requests for service or intervention, non-violent public disturbances or individuals in crisis. The organization runs under the auspices of the Oakland Fire Department and is designed to ease the burden on both the OPD and the OFD. For more information about MACRO please [click here](#). *(We would like to know what your experience with MACRO was like. Please let us know at oakmorehomes@yahoo.com.)*

For Drivers on our narrow and winding streets:

- Remember to **Park Like Your Life Depends on It**. It could save a life! For safe parking suggestions [click here](#).
- Be sure to yield the right of way to traffic heading up hill and watch out for speeding bicycles



UPCOMING EVENTS - Mark your calendars

Fall Event - 2025 Oakmore Community Stroll - Save The Date – October 19 – 1:00 to 3:00

Just a reminder that there are lots of fun and interesting activities are planned for this event to be enjoyed by the entire neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering or setting up and staffing a Stroll station, please email **Ned Schroeder**, at alexisned@sbcglobal.net.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Net Income

For the first half of the year, we have a positive net income!! We will continue to use volunteer efforts to perform the administrative tasks of the organization unless professional services are warranted (accounting and legal).

Accounts in Arrears

Last year, many liens were filed on members who were seriously in arrears with their yearly assessments. Four members have paid and the liens placed on their property will be released in the coming months. The process to collect arrear member accounts cost the OHA time and money. These costs will be reflected in this year's financial statement. We will continue to reach out to members in arrears to collect the balance on their account. A prompt payment of assessments allows the OHA to build back their cash reserve accounts and start up again a variety of community events.

There are still 16 members who are in arrears with annual assessments. We are trying all methods of communications (in-person, email, phone, and US mail) to reach these members to inform them of their obligations to the OHA.

With new leadership in place and a focused attempt to build goodwill, we are making progress with collections. If you are a member in arrears, please reach out to me to make payment arrangements. It is possible that your email invoice went to spam. 510-303-2099.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Schroeder, Treasurer 💰💰

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community engagement and volunteerism are at the heart of the OHA's mission and success. There are so many things that we would like to do to benefit the entire community, but we are few and the opportunities are many. If you are interested leading or participating in any of the initiatives below, please let us know. We can provide you with more information and we will put you in touch with others who have the same interest.

Here are some ideas for various projects and programs for the benefit of all Oakmore residents::

- 2025 Oakmore Stroll – see details in Neighborhood News above – sign up now!
- FireWiseUSA – see details above
- Oakmore Neighborhood Text Tree
- Adopt-a-Tree-Well or Hydrant or Storm Drain
- Party Planning – 2026 4th of July and OHA's 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Bucket Brigade for neighborhood clean up
- Other ideas???

Please join with your neighbors to help make Oakmore even better than it already is.

Until next time...

Best wishes from the OHA Officers and Directors!

Questions? Comments? Contributions? Please contact us at - oakmorehomes@yahoo.com

