

### **THEFTS in Oakridge**

- I mentioned at our last meeting that I was contacted by a concerned citizen about the amount of thievery, and burglary going on for the past few years by a handful of repeat offenders with what appears to be no consequence. Since then I've learned more, and I am disheartened with the amount of people that are extremely frustrated with the shortcomings in our justice system. People are talking more and more about taking matters into their own hands and their lack of faith in our Police Department.

I'd like to see that perception change. I feel strongly that our Chief of Police is inherently Good. I'm confident that with the changes in our Administration recently our community is going to see positive changes trickle down in all departments - especially in Police and Fire where we have had so much going on. I'm hopeful that we will have more community education through the newly developing Safety Committee that is forming soon as well.

But the main reason I wanted to open this discussion with Council tonight is because I would like to ask for the councils support in putting on a town hall meeting specifically to talk with our community about the Justice System. I've actually asked our District Attorney, Patty Perlow if she would come and talk to our citizens about how the system works, and do open discussion on how or when we might see some changes. I told her I wanted her to be able to see how the no files are affecting Oakridge Citizens and she said she's had an interest in Oakridge for a long time, and would be happy to come talk with us at a Town Hall - We would just need to give her some dates and times to consider and choose from.

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