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### **Miller throws her hat into race for vacant City Council seat**

THE COUNT: Eight candidates have now filed to serve on the Oak Ridge City Council. The deadline for filing is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

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The list of residents seeking to fill the empty seat on the Oak Ridge City Council has grown again, with a candidate filing Thursday.

Jane Miller, who has served as chairperson of the board for the Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau for the past two years, wrote in an e-mail that she supports the redevelopment of the mall.

"A strong retail base will attract new residents and visitors and is key for improving the city financial position," Miller wrote.

She also wrote that she thought Applewood Apartments should either be improved or replaced. She added that if they were replaced, the current Applewood residents must be provided with improved alternative housing options.

Miller joins Sam Childress, Jim Ebel, Liz Goodlaxson, Will Minter, Pam Moulton, Tom Normand and Mark Scarbrough as candidates to fill the vacant seat left by former Councilman Jerry Kuhaida, who has left to work in Iraq.

The appointment of a member to fill Kuhaida's seat is scheduled for Monday, during a regular Council meeting. At that time, Council must have a majority vote on a single candidate. That candidate will fill the seat until the regular county general election on Aug. 5, 2004.

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