



Oakridge News

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

General Membership

Meetings

September 23

January 13*

March 10*

May 22 (3:00 PM)

* Tentative

ONA Board Meeting

September 16

All general membership meetings begin at 7:30 pm at the Oakridge Country Club unless otherwise noted. All Board meetings start at 7:00 pm at the Oakridge Country Club.

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General Meeting Date Set for Sept. 23

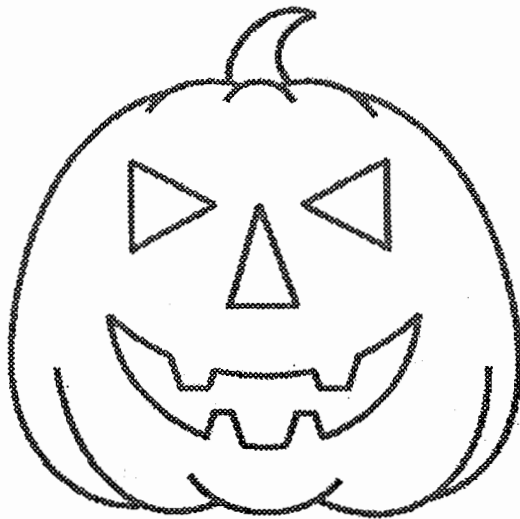
"I can't seem to get anything done during the summer." This comment was shared by the majority of the Board of Directors, so it was decided that we wouldn't expect you to find the time to come to a general meeting either. School has started and Labor Day is at the beginning of September, so we set September 23, 1993 at 7:30 PM as the next general meeting.

We have the privilege of having a group called "Citizens Against Crime" to come and speak to us about personal protection. The presentation is very interactive with the audience and appears to present a serious subject in a fun and informative way. They will have some security devices for sale at this meeting, so come prepared to learn a little more about your personal protection.

We will also be presenting the new officers and committee chairpeople along with their goals and plans for this next year.

Come early and "socialize" with your neighbors. Arrangements have been made for refreshments on a cash basis for those who do not have a membership at Oakridge Country Club. (A reminder: Oakridge Country Club provides meeting space for our general meetings and numerous Board and Committee meetings at no charge! Please show your appreciation by purchasing a soda or drink.)

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THE GREAT BIG PUMPKIN SALE

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 9, 1993

Watch this space for details.

Proceeds
Support your Neighborhood Association

Special News Issue

You probably noticed something different about this issue of *The Oakridge News*: no advertising. Your crack editorial staff has been scattered to the four winds during the summer months, and we're not quite ready yet to bring you a complete newsletter.

We hope you missed our missives, at least a little bit, and hope it was not an inconvenience. Look for your newsletter on a regular schedule beginning next month.

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Environmental Committee

Ron & Pam Harbach 530-5024

All Oakridge residents are invited to a "Fall Planting & Recycling" meeting, Sept. 9, at 7:00 pm at the Oakridge Country Club. A speaker from Calloways Nursery and from the City of Garland's Recycling Program will present brief programs and answer questions.

You do not have to be a member of the ONA to attend.

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Membership

Pat Downing 530-4192

The Membership Committee will meet September 11, at 10:30 am at 2545 Pebblestone.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We really appreciate the new members who have joined the association for the first time. Many of you have wondered whether or not your membership has been received.

Well, we will be confirming all memberships either by mail or telephone in the next few weeks. We are sorry for the delay. If you would like to verify your membership before our notification team calls, you may call **Jerry Johnson** at 530-6663 or **Pat Downing** at 530-4192. □□□

Oakridge Crime Statistics May

Burglary of Habitation	Golden Oaks Big Oaks
Burglary of Vehicle	Big Oaks Ridge Oak
Theft Under \$20.00	Bending Oaks
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	Oak Springs Ridge Oak
Criminal Mischief	Rolling Oak Rich Oak Stoneridge Big Oaks Laurel Oaks

June

Burglary of Habitation	Hearthside Ridge Oak (2) Suncrest Overview Meadowridge
Burglary of Vehicle	Ridge Oak Diamond Oak Meadowridge Greenview Big Oaks (3) Hickory Bend
Theft \$750.00 - \$20,000.00	Laurel Oaks
Theft \$200.00 - 750.00	Ridge Oak
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	Crestridge
Criminal Mischief	Moss Oak Point

July

Burglary of Habitation	Grand Oak
Burglary of Vehicle	Hearthside Laurel Oaks Ridge Oak Meadowridge
Theft \$200.00 - \$750.00	Crestedge Diamond Oaks
Theft \$20.00 - \$200.00	Richland
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle	Crestridge
Criminal Mischief	Bending Oaks Diamond Oaks Stoneridge

Crime Prevention & Safety Committee

Luanne Payne
530-0323

Calling all Block Captains and curious prospects! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 25, 1993 at 9:30 am for an informative meeting on how Block Captains will strengthen the Neighborhood crime Watch.

There will be a Garland Police officer at the meeting to explain how to make a successful Neighborhood Crime Watch. There will be information packets issued to each Block Captain.

Remember you do not have to be a member of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association or the Oakridge Country Club to be a Block Captain. This program is to help make our neighborhood a safer place to live.

T-Shirts Available

The Crime Prevention Committee has "Oakridge Crime Watch" T-shirts available for \$10.00 each. They come in several sizes and colors, and they are a great way to show your support for crime prevention in the neighborhood. A portion goes to support a city-wide crime prevention program in Garland.

Special Thanks

The Committee wants to extend a special thanks to the following individual and organizations for providing copies of a flier for "Kids Safe Saturday," a program sponsored by Metroplex Police Departments:

Richard Mosley
Albertson's
(Jupiter & Buckingham)
Oakridge Country Club
Lynx Energy

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BLOCK CAPTAINS

RIDGE OAK DR.	3405 - Kim Gingerich 3306 - Charmaine Hutson 3229 - Donna Dayhoff
RIDGE OAK PL.	2601 - Cheryl Wood 2618 - June Edwards
RIDGE OAK CT.	2501 - Cathy Murphy
RIDGE VIEW LANE	
GREENVIEW DR.	
GREENVIEW CIR.	
BENDING OAKS DR.	3314 - Sue Cole 3222 - Sara Traylor 3202 - Hazel & Dick Toberny
BEAVER RUN	
GOLDEN OAKS DR.	2502 - Dana Burk
DIAMOND OAKS DR.	2125 - Harry & Lila LaGrassa 2101 - Doris Autrey 2321 - Dennis Cheatham
OAK POINT DR.	
OAK SPRINGS DR.	3001 - Mary Musseman
LONE OAK TR.	2317 - Joi Stowe
ROCKY TRAIL	
MOSS TRAIL	
ROLLING OAK LN.	2217 - Jim Cook
SHADY OAKS CT.	
WINDY RIDGE LN.	2113 - Jack Rash 2114 - Ken Davey 2127 - Ann Bogard
GRAND OAK DR.	2906 - Virbol & Ruth Bartlett 2822 - Mary Anne McFall
WILLOW RIDGE DR.	2813 - Luanne Payne
OVERVIEW LN.	2018 - Betty Glover
PEAKWOOD DR.	
HEARTHSIDE LN	
LAUREL OAKS DR.	2850 - Jo Ann Schmerheim 2730 - Bert Littlejohn
LAUREL OAKS CT.	
BIG OAKS DR.	2843 - Betty Bishop
HICKORY BEND DR.	2622 - Pat Woods
STONERIDGE DR.	2810 - Weldon Martindale
MEADOWRIDGE DR.	
RICHLAND DR.	
SUNCREST DR.	
CREIGHTON DR.	
CRESTEDGE DR.	
FULTON DR.	
PEPPERIDGE DR.	
PEBBLESTONE DR.	
RICH OAK DR.	

The Crime Prevention & Safety Committee is working hard to have each street in Oakridge represented with one or more Block Captains. Several volunteers are needed on the north side of Oakridge. If your street is not represented, please consider calling and submitting your name as a Block Captain. Contact **Luanne Payne** at 530-9323.

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Civic and Political Interest

Jack Rash, Chairman
530-9742

Improving Oakridge's neighborhood schools, representing ONA at City Council meetings, and decorating the neighborhood at Christmas are just three of the agenda items for the Civic and Political Interest Committee for the coming year. Your help on any or all of these projects is encouraged and gratefully accepted.

A kick-off meeting for the '93-'94 year will be held at the Chairman's home at 2113 Windy Ridge on September 15, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.. Anyone interested in the activities of the Committee should attend.

If you have any agenda items that you would like to have discussed at this meeting, please phone the Chairman or attend the meeting on September 15.

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ONA RENEWAL MEMBERS DOWN

Before you read this article, go get your checkbook and pen. I'm waiting for you to do this. OK, I'm glad you are back.

So, why should you make out a \$25.00 check to the Oakridge Neighborhood Association? Well, the Association did get the nine entrances landscaped and maintained, and its members did decorate the main streets during Christmas last year, and they did go to city hall to fight that pawn shop from going in across the street from our neighborhood, and they have kept the crime watch organization going, and, oh, they have kept you informed with this handy newsletter. Well, sounds like a heck of a good deal to me. That's right, you can start filling out that check and mailing it today to P.O. Box 450145 Garland, TX 75045-0145. Thanks!

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Committee Chairpeople Selected

The various committees are beginning to tackle the new year with a little more experience than they had last year. Three committees will be chaired by the same person as last year, while three committees will be chaired by new volunteers. Listed below are the committee chairpeople and their home phone numbers. If you would like to be a member of any of the committees, please contact the chairperson and get involved.

Civic and Political Interest-Jack Rash 530-9742

Crime Prevention and Safety-Luanne Payne 530-9323

Environmental-Ron and Pam Harbach 530-5024

Membership-Pat Downing 530-4192

Finance-Jay Miles 530-9303

*Communications-Diana Berry 414-7377

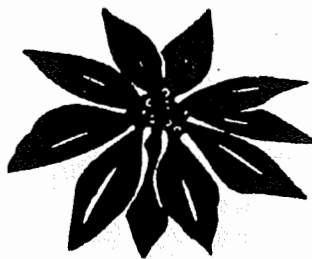
*Diana Berry currently is on sick leave. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Questions pertaining to Communications should be directed to JoAnn Schmerheim at 495-2726.

Christmas Comes Early

ONA To Sell Poinsettias, Wreaths, Garlands

Make your home festive for the upcoming Holidays and support your Oakridge Neighborhood Association by ordering your



Poinsettias.....	\$10.00
18" Wreath.....	\$13.00
24" Wreath.....	\$18.00
Garland.....	\$1.50 per foot

Orders will be taken at the September 23 meeting thru November 16.

For more information call
Donna Dayhoff 495-3515, or
Jo Ann Schmerheim 495-2726.

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Slow Down!

by Scott Youzva, ONA President

Did you know that it is almost impossible to go thirty, that's 3-0, M.P.H. in today's cars?

Well, contrary to this thought, all cars can operate at 30 MPH just fine. I can't think of a single good reason to speed through our neighborhood, since the longest route from any of the major streets surrounding Oakridge to your home can't exceed two miles. That means that you will only save a maximum of one minute if you drive 60 MPH instead of 30 MPH down the street.

Most people don't have to go two miles to get to their house and most don't quite get to 60 MPH., so you are not going to save even a full minute. The fraction of a minute that you may save is not worth the injury to a child riding his or her bike. That fraction of a minute is certainly not worth the \$50.00 ticket you could get (at least I don't make \$3,000 per hour). So, I beg of you, slow down and don't worry about that impatient driver behind you; you may be saving a life!

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