

January ONA Meeting To Explore School Issues

The January meeting of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association will focus on issues concerning neighborhood schools. The meeting will be held January 11 at 7:30 pm. A social half-hour will precede the meeting with a cash bar and refreshments available from the Oakridge Country Club's menu.

You do not have to have school-age children to attend. In fact,

part of the objective for this program is to determine what needs exist in our neighborhood schools and how the community of Oakridge can help meet those needs. As published in the last issue of the *Oakridge News*, volunteers are an important part of any successful school program. Through this meeting, and through other efforts, we hope to generate the voluntary help that could make

a significant difference in our public schools.

So, if you have children in Garland schools, or if you simply care about young people, come to the January ONA meeting.

We hope to have representatives from near-by schools and the Garland Independent School District on hand to answer questions.

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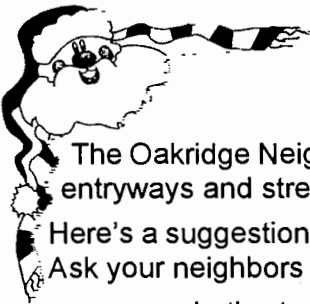


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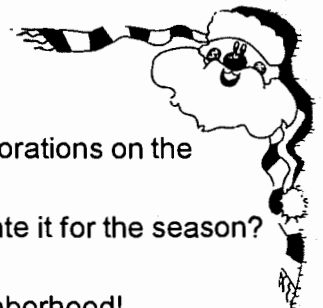
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Adopt Your Streetlight



The Oakridge Neighborhood Association has appropriated \$300 this year for decorations on the entryways and streetlights. That amount doesn't go very far.

Here's a suggestion: why not adopt the streetlight closest to your home and decorate it for the season? Ask your neighbors for a donation of a dollar or two or some ribbon, wreaths, etc.

Let's start a new tradition in Oakridge and end up with a beautiful neighborhood!

Help Serve Those Who Serve

Last year at Christmas, the Oakridge Neighborhood Association put together two complete Christmas dinners for the Garland Police Department and the Fire Station that serves our neighborhood. These employees who work on Christmas day appreciate being remembered in such a kind way. They give up being with their families to serve our community.

If you would like to be a participant in this year's program by making a delicious dish or contributing money for meat, please call Luanne Payne at 530-9323, TODAY!

The Oakridge Country Club has donated two cooked turkeys, dressing, and gravy to this year's ONA program.

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Oakridge Crime Watch Block Captains

RIDGE OAK DR.	3405-Kim Gingerich 3306-Charmaine Hutson 3229-Donna Dayhoff	GRAND OAK	2906-Virbol & Ruth Bartlett 2822-Mary Anne McFall
RIDGE OAK PL.	2601-Cheryl Wood 2618-June Edwards	WILLOW RIDGE	2813-Luanne Payne
RIDGE OAK CT.	2501-Cathy Murphy	WINDING OAK	2813-Vance & Elena Smith
RIDGE VIEW LN.	NONE	OVERVIEW LN.	2018-Betty Glover
GREENVIEW DR.	3310-Kim Eubanks	PEAKWOOD	2119-Jack Treadway
BENDING OAKS	3314-Sue Cole 3222-Sara Traylor 3202-Hazel & Dick Toberny	HEARTHSIDE LN. LAUREL OAKS	NONE 2850-JoAnn Schmerheim 2730-Bert Littlejohn 2839-Stephanie Hall
BEAVER RUN	NONE	LAUREL OAKS CT.	NONE
GOLDEN OAKS	2502-Dana Burk	BIG OAKS	2502-Mary Macejewski 2706-Scott Youzva 2821-Sharon McDonald *2833-Bill Smart 2843-Bettie Bishop *3014-Joan Nichols 3109-Sue Sweetnam
DIAMOND OAKS	2125-Harry & Lila LaGrassa 2101-Doris Autrey 2321-Dennis Cheatham	HICKORY BEND	2622-Pat Woods 2811-Diane Cooper
OAK POINT	2906-Art Dietz	STONERIDGE	2810-Weldon Martindale
OAK SPRINGS	3001-Mary Musseman	MEADOWRIDGE	2625-Katherine Rackley
LONE OAK	2317-Joi Stowe * 2401-Pam Hubbard	RICHLAND	NONE
ROCKY TRAIL	NONE	SUNCREST CREIGHTON	2502-Lisa Wilson 2517-Elaine Centorbi
MOSS TRAIL	2221-Vicki Fitzgerald	CRESTEDGE FULTON	NONE NONE
ROLLING OAK	2271-Jim Cook 2005-Sue Hageland	PEPPERIDGE PEBBLESTONE	2502-Sandy Dean 2537-Deborah Meals 2545-Patricia Downing
SHADY OAKS CT.	2201-Charles & Valerie Derryberry	RICHOAK	NONE
WINDY RIDGE LN.	2114-Ken Davis 2113-Jack Rash		
*NEW BLOCK CAPTAIN			

You do not have to be a member of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association to serve as a Block Captain. You just need to be a loyal and trustworthy neighbor who is willing to keep an eye on your neighbor's house while they are away, pick up newspapers and mail, and report any suspicious activities.

Our goal is to have a Block Captain for ever 6 to 10 houses. With approximately 1,200 homes in Oakridge, we have a long way to go.

Volunteer to be a Block Captain by calling the ONA Crime Watch and Information Hotline at 220-2286. Leave your name and number and we'll call you back.

Crime Prevention & Safety

Luanne Payne, Chairperson

The number of offenses for the month of October increased by three. This is up from 11 in September to 14 in October. As you can see, the habitation burglaries are up by two, and criminal mischief has increased by four.

Most all of the criminal activity has taken place during a weekday rather than week-ends. If you are home during the day and see anything suspicious, call 911. You may prevent a crime from happening.

A lot of the criminal mischief activity has been broken car tail lights and car windows, mailboxes busted up, etc. If you see school-age children out in the neighborhood during the day rather than in school, call the police; they will come check it out.

We are approaching the Christmas holidays, so take some extra precautions at home as well as when you are out shopping. If you have a security system, turn it on. Keep your doors locked and lights, and even a TV or radio on. Make your home look as if someone is there.

October Crime Statistics

Burglary Habitation (3)

Burglary Vehicle (2)

Theft Under \$20 (1)

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (2)

Criminal Mischief (6)

Bending Oaks
Diamond Oaks
Creighton

Hickory Bend
Big Oaks

Bending Oaks

Diamond Oaks
Hearthside

Diamond Oaks
Rolling Oaks
Golden Oaks

Oak Point
Hickory Bend (2)

From the ONA Crime Prevention & Safety Committee and your Neighborhood Block Captains...

Have a safe and pleasant holiday season!

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STEPHANIE NELSON
414-0580



Environmental Committee

Pam and Ron Harbach, Chairpersons

Did you notice the flowering kale at Overview and Laurel Oaks? It looks great! Oakridge Country Club donated six flats of flowers to the Neighborhood Association. All we had to do was plant them. Again, we called on our "very dependable and dedicated" Committee members to help us plant. THANK YOU:

Lila and Harry LaGrassa
Bonnie Fisk
Georgia Peraza

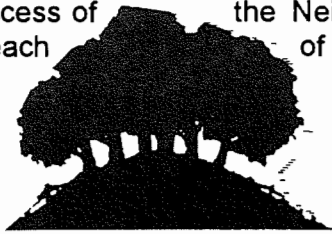
You will need to take an extra minute and thank the staff at Oakridge Country Club. They donated the use of a meeting room to all ONA Committees and Board members whenever needed. The "Haunted House" (open to all kids in the neighborhood) was a very successful event. We really appreciate the Club's support. We're very lucky to have such great people to work with — THANK YOU!

Fall is here! We've completed our first year, and we're very pleased with our accomplishments. Because "YOU" supported the ONA through your dues and participation, we feel next year can only be better.

This committee has several major accomplishments under our belt!

- 1 Yearly landscaping and maintenance contract for all common areas;
- 2 Major repairs and replacement to sprinkler systems have been achieved;
- 3 We have entered into a "co-op" with the City of Garland to share water bills on median strips in the development;
- 4 Had three very successful "Clean Up" days (next time we know we will have even more support);
- 5 Communication — because of the newsletter and our mere existence, we receive calls regularly from people within the neighborhood, giving comments and asking questions. We welcome these calls and your interest; and
- 6 We have established a very good line of communication with the various Garland Utilities and Services Departments. Our City Councilman, Michael Holden, does an excellent job of representing our needs and goals to City officials and personnel.

Pam and I have excellent committee members. They are very reliable and dedicated to the success of the Neighborhood Association. We'd like to thank each of them.



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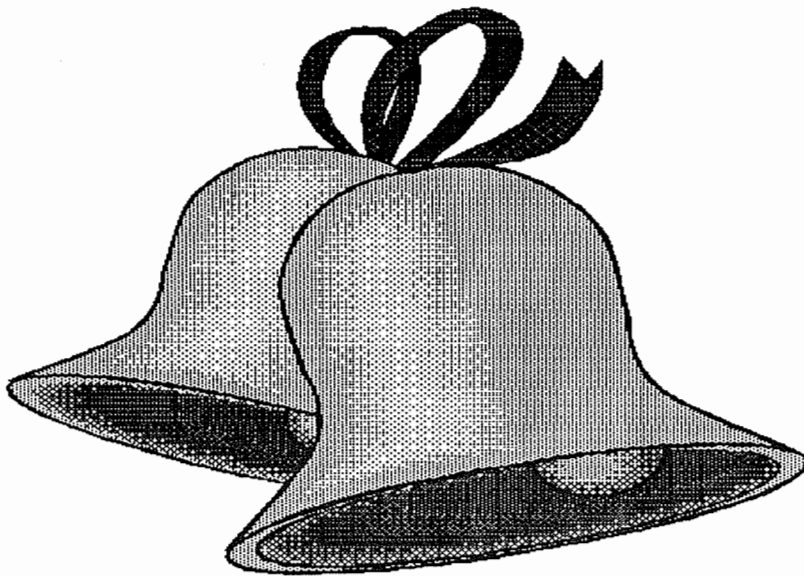
Membership Committee
Patricia Downing, Chairperson

Boy, do we need it...a new roster, that is. As of this printing, we have 125 new members! In January, our second Membership Roster goes to press. Volunteers will be phoning all members to update any published information.

By the way, to be included in the 1994 Roster, you must be a current member by the end of December. Don't forget to mail that check in! (Home pick-up service can easily be arranged, too.)

To all our new members this month, we extend a warm welcome.

Our next Membership Committee meeting is scheduled in January. If you are interested in planning or helping with any social activities, please leave your name and number on the Oakridge Crime Watch and Information Hotline, 220-2286.



**Poinsettia Sale
Is Big Success**

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association, thanks to the generous support of your friends and neighbors, netted more than \$500 on the sale of poinsettias and Christmas greenery.

According to Donna Dayhoff, ONA Secretary, "sales were good for a first-time effort. Next year we hope to do even better."

Proceeds from the greenery sale will go into the general funds of the Association, and will help to keep dues at a reasonable level.

The ONA Board of Directors is contemplating other fund-raising events in the Spring.

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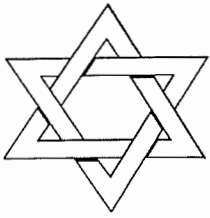
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The Miracle of Hanukah

(Condensed from The Jewish Book of Why, by Alfred J. Kolatch, Johathan David Publishers, Inc. Middle Village, NY 11379.)

Hanukah marks the deliverance of the Jews of Palestine from the oppression of the Syrian-Greeks in the second century B.C.E. (before the common era). The Syrian-Greeks, under the rule of King Antiochus IV of Syria, attempted to impose heathen practices on the Jewish population and prohibited the observance of sacred Jewish practices. The ultimate insult came when the Jewish Temple was converted into a pagan shrine.

Judah the Maccabee and his four brothers led a rebellion against the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E. The rebels succeeded in defeating the Syrian armies, after which the Temple was cleansed and rededicated. (Hanukah means "rededication.")

The holiday is observed for eight days because it is said that it took eight days to cleanse the Temple and rebuild the altar. Also, during the occupation of the Temple by the Syrian-Greeks, the jugs of oil that had been prepared by the Jewish High Priest for lighting the Temple menorah (candelabrum) were desecrated and could not be used. After much searching, only one small jug of oil bearing the unbroken seal of the High Priest could be found. This cruse contained only enough oil to burn in the menorah for one day. Nevertheless, the High Priest kindled the menorah and a miracle happened: the menorah flame continued to burn for eight days. To commemorate the event, it was decided that thenceforth the holiday would be observed annually by kindling lights for eight days, and Hanukah became known as the Feast (or Festival) of Lights.

Although Hanukah is celebrated in commemoration of one of the great victories in Jewish history, surprisingly little fuss was made over it until recent times. It is not considered a religious holiday in that work may be performed and children may attend school. Aside from some additions to the liturgy and the lighting of the Hanukah menorah each night of the eight days of the holiday, very few changes are made in the normal routine.

In recent years, to counteract the strong influence of the Christmas season and its festivities on the lives of Jewish children who might otherwise feel "left out," Jewish parents have begun to celebrate Hanukah in a more elaborate way. Gift-giving on each of the nights of Hanukah has become commonplace, and community celebrations are more in evidence.

Traditional food also accompanies the celebration of Hanukah. Potato latkes, small potato pancakes are eaten, because they are fried in oil, and oil symbolizes the miracle of the cruse of oil that lasted for eight days instead of one. Likewise, goose, a fatty fowl, is a Hanukah favorite because its rendered fat is needed to cook many of the other Hanukah delicacies.

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Landscape Maintenance Contract Sought

The ONA Environmental Committee is accepting bids for ongoing maintenance of the entryways and common areas of Oakridge.

Some of the specifications for the contract include mowing entryways and medians, weeding flowerbeds, fertilizing, tree pruning, and shrub trimming.

Details can be obtained from Pam or Ron Harbach, or by calling the ONA Information line at 220-2286 and leaving a message.

To be considered for the contract, you must carry liability insurance.

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The Tom Thumb store at Buckingham and Garland Rd. has set up a bin to receive telephone books for recycling. You can drop off your old phone books any time between now and Christmas.

Of course, you can still recycle newspapers and magazines every Monday simply by putting them in paper sacks or stacking them on the curb with a brick on top to keep them from blowing away. The City of Garland's recycling truck will come by and pick up newspapers and magazine (but not telephone books.)

Christmas trees will be accepted for mulching at the Castle Drive Landfill from Dec. 28 through Jan. 14 (except holidays and Sundays). A free tree seedling will be given to everyone who brings in a Christmas tree. The Christmas trees will be chipped into mulch, which will be available at no charge.

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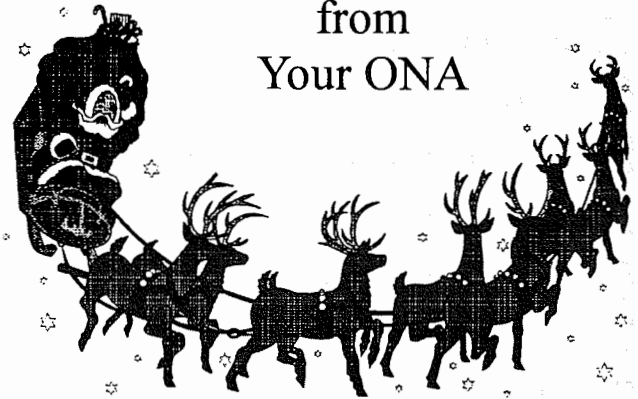
The Garland Fire Department and your Neighborhood Association want this to be a safe and happy holiday season. Use the Fire Department's check list to help prevent a fire in your home.

Please make sure that:

- 1 Smoke detector is in place and has a fresh battery.
- 2 Everyone knows their escape plan in the unlikely event of fire. Once out, stay out!
- 3 Matches, lighters, and candles are out of reach of small children (age 8 and under).
- 4 All combustibles, including curtains, bedding, and furniture, are at least 3 feet away from space heaters, stoves, and fireplaces.
- 5 Lights for decorations have been checked for bare wires and plugs are not overloaded.
- 6 Fireplace always has screen in place when being used.
- 7 Candles are in proper candle holders.
- 8 Christmas trees and evergreen boughs are watered daily.
- 9 All lights and candles are put out before leaving or going to bed.

If you have questions on safety tips, call the Garland Fire Department at 205-2271.

Merry
Christmas
from
Your ONA



Return the completed form with \$25.00 dues to
Oakridge Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 450145, Garland, TX 75045-0145

OAKRIDGE Neighborhood Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

Street Address

Home Phone

Date

According to the Bylaws of the Association each household is entitled to 2 (two) voting members. Please complete the following information for each voting member. Indicate any information you do not want published in the ONA Membership Directory.

Member #1

Last Name First Name M.I. Birth Month/Day Preferred or Nickname

Employer Occupation Business Phone

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Last Name First Name M.I. Birth Month/Day Preferred or Nickname

Employer Occupation Business Phone

MEMBER #1

MEMBER #2

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