



Oakridge News

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“SUPPORT THE O.N.A.”

by Luanne Payne

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association (O.N.A.) has been growing successfully now for three years but at a very slow pace. We have a small number of faithful volunteers who have been involved in the operations for all three years. These dedicated people have worked hard to make this organization work but we need more participation and more members.

I am sure several of you have intended to join and simply forgot to mail your application in with your \$25.00. The O.N.A. is working to try to make Oakridge a safe and beautiful community that we can all be proud to say we live in.

Each month we have several volunteers who work to put the Oakridge News together. This is a very time consuming job with very few helpers. Additional help from new and renewing members would certainly be appreciated.

I can't say enough good about the Environmental Committee who works very hard just to keep the entryways maintained on the budget they have to work with. This budget does not include the perimeter of the outside walls. The City of Garland is supposed to mow this area but as you will notice it has been neglected many times. The few times last year that it was taken care of was by volunteers giving up a few hours of their Saturday to do a "cleanup" day. This included mowing, weed-eating and picking up trash along the outside perimeters. No one was paid for this, it was done to show that these O.N.A. members care about their neighborhood. The money that is budgeted is for the 9 entryways to be maintained weekly and for the sprinkler system.

I use the entryways on the Buckingham side mainly and everyday I look at the townhomes across the street and envy the beautiful exterior wall and landscaping and wonder why Oakridge can't do this. I inquired as to how they do this and simply put, these homeowners are required to pay a monthly fee of \$85.00. This also includes each property yard to be mowed. There are only — townhomes in this area.

So here we are living in these beautiful \$90,000 to \$300,000 homes in Oakridge and asking for only \$25.00 a year. There are approximately 1130 homes in Oakridge and approximately 300 members. We can't do much except what we are doing now and that is simply existing and maintaining. So please show us your support by joining the O.N.A. today and if you are interested in helping, sign up on one of the committees. **We need your support.**

General Membership

Meeting at O.C.C.

September 15

7:30 P.M.

Program

Criminal Street Gangs

Presented by

John Sholden and

Garland Police Officer

Detective Joe Harn

O.N.A. Bulb Sale

Be sure to buy your bulbs from the O.N.A. Monies earned will be used for beautification projects. Sale Begins Sept. 15 thru Oct 8th. Call our information line (220-2286) and leave your name and number. We will return your call.

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Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne, Chairperson

CRIME STATISTICS FOR JULY:

7 - Burglary of Habitation	Stoneridge Shady Oaks (2) Overview Moss Windy Ridge Diamond Oaks
9 - Burglary of Vehicle	Meadowridge Ridge Oak Pl. (2) Pebblestone Stoneridge Moss Rolling Oak (2) Diamond Oaks
1 - Theft \$750 - \$20,000	Diamond Oaks
1 - Theft \$200 - \$750	Hickory Bend
1 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Rolling Oak
1 - Criminal Mischief	Oak Point

The July report is very disturbing and disappointing to me and I am sure to all of those who have been victimized. The number of offenses increased by 7 from the previous month of June. The burglary of habitations went up by 5, burglary of vehicle up by 6 and criminal mischief decreased by 6.

Crime was up all over Garland in the month of July. The police attribute this to vacations. There were 44 total offenses reported just in Beat 7 and 20 of these were in Oakridge. I feel as though we have a strong Crime Watch program but maybe we need to get to know our neighbors better and watch out for anyone unusual around our homes.

If you have any questions or suggestions about Crime Watch, please feel free to call the Oakridge Hotline at 220-2286 and leave a message for Luanne Payne or call me directly at 530-9323. I am always in need of more volunteer Block Captains on each street.

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! IMPORTANT !

Exercise your **RIGHT TO VOTE** in the upcoming November general election.

The ballot will include candidates for GOVERNOR, U.S. SENATOR, U.S. CONGRESSMAN and other state and local candidates.

If you are not registered please call MARC MEURER (2304 Precinct Judge) at 530-6850. A pre-stamped Registration card will be mailed to you.

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“NATIONAL NIGHT OUT”

The first National Night Out hosted by the Oakridge Crime Watch Committee was a success. The Garland Police came by with their race car and to mingle with the homeowners. They commented that we had a great support group and enjoyed talking with everyone. Now that we know how to do this, next year will be even better. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the social event.



WALLCOVERING TRENDS

From Susan Sanchez, Decorating Den

The latest designs coming out of wallcovering artists' studios reflect the lifestyles of those baby boomers who are now grown with families of their own. This generation which was influenced by the Beatles, psychedelic colors and peace signs, is reflecting their history in their decor, a kind of sentimental journey. But not to worry, it's unlikely that we will see a whole room decorated in the neon colors of the past. Instead, these colors have been toned down and used in smaller proportions as accent colors, with far more sophistication and thoughtfulness than the 60's and 70's offered.

What colors are we likely to see? Number one on the list for our ecologically-minded boomers is the color green, in a variety of tints, tones and shades, from frosty dusty miller and deep eucalyptus to ocean mist, blue spruce and fern. Earth tones are warming up the palette in hues from off-white to pecan and along with deep rich colors such as burgundy and navy, combine with greens for a well-rounded palette. Accent colors on the horizon include saffron, paprika and rhubarb, appealing to the boomer's appetite for nature.

The design motifs in the 90's also reflect this ecological trend, with rainforests, leaves, fruit (grapes are still conspicuous), vines and animals very prominent in borders and wallcovering. If your taste tends to be more domesticated, then there's the ever-present floral with more all-over patterns than seen in previous years. There's something for every taste, whether it's a large scale floral or a small scale simple leaf design, reminiscent of the old mini-print.

Plaids and stripes are timeless in their appeal, and with the new colorations they are updated and transformed. And faux finishes are here to stay in a wide range of motifs, from marbled to sponged. Children's wallcoverings reflect their favorite activities, with brighter colors and cartoon-like characters imitating much of what we see in the so-called "adult" wall coverings.

Whatever your taste, there is a wallcovering to suit both your functional and decorative needs.

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From the Club

I receive many calls from members and non members alike regarding people and kids on the golf course. In the past, we have always allowed you to use the cart paths for jogging, etc. in the morning prior to play and late in the evenings. It has now become an abusive situation. I have spoken to many of them and asked them to leave the property and I want to explain to you, my biggest concern. On an average day, the club has 150-250 golfers hitting small white hard objects an average of 80 times each. Anyone who has been hit by a golf ball before can vouch for the force and potential danger this can be to an unsuspecting person walking down a cart path. A child on a bicycle could very easily be seriously injured...or worse.

The Club is a private company which has responsibility for the 150 odd acres that many of you see from your back porch every day. With hundreds of different areas for access, it is physically impossible for the Club's staff to police the entire property so I am asking for your assistance. I have asked many of the people who called me to contact the club and if we are closed to contact the Garland Police Department. Simply by being on Club property during non-business hours...dark to dusk and all Mondays, members and non- members alike are subject to charges of trespassing.

Over the years and specifically the first weekend of August, several of the club's greens were damaged by bicycles and vandalism by young teenagers in the neighborhood. These individuals were identified and we have no choice but to pursue recovering monetary damages as well as potential criminal mischief charges. Other favorite practices are to fish golf balls from the creek in the evening. White trying to maintain a supportive and productive relationship with our immediate neighbors, we need your assistance to help us put an end to these practices.

I have enjoyed working with members of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association and I hope we can continue to work together to keep our neighborhood a safe, fun place to live and play. Please do not hesitate to call me at 530 -8008 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Tim McNutt
General Manager
Oakridge Country Club



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**2ND ANNUAL O.N.A.
PUMPKIN & BAKE SALE**

It's not too early to begin preparing for the fall holidays. The O.N.A is already planning the second Pumpkin Sale along with a Bake Sale this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 8th.

If you are interested in helping with this fundraiser for the O.N.A by working the sale or donating baked items, such as, cookies, brownies, breads or fruit breads, call the O.N.A. Hotline 220 -2286. Someone will return you call.

Last year was successful, as well as fun! We got to meet so any neighbors in Oakridge. We are planning some activities for the kids, so be looking for next month's Oakridge News for more information.

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- Install Dead Bolts
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- Ceiling Fans
- Light Fixtures, etc.
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Welcome Neighbor

One of the newest neighbors to Oakridge is Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, located in the North Star Marketplace at Belt Line and Garland Roads.

Services on Sunday are at 11:00. Church School (beginning September 11) is at 9:45.

We're new to the neighborhood, having chartered this Spring with 100 members in less than a year!

We're an exciting, fun, enthusiastic, and caring congregation that already has demonstrated our commitment to the community and to our church family.

Come join us in worship, fellowship, and Christian education... and meet your neighbors at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Phone: 495-7819



SUMMER IS OVER! WHAT'S NEXT?

By Peggy Richey

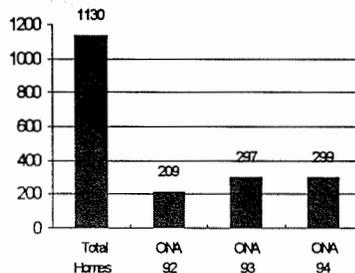
The kids are back in school and everyone is worried about whether or not their homes will sell. You bet! People move all during the year. The move up market may be moving in the same school area and lots of psychologists believe that it is better to move during the school year than the summer allowing the children to make friends before the long vacation starts.

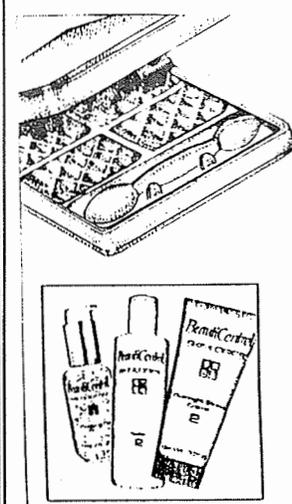
Naturally things may slow down around the beginning of school with families doing last minute shopping or taking last minute vacations. Don't forget that Labor Day will be the last three day weekend before school activities get rolling.

Things will pick up when families realize that they want to be situated in a new home before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Greenspan will meet with the Federal Reserve Board the middle of this month and if rates go up it could affect the market. Whether there will be a spree to purchase or a wait and see attitude remains to be seen. We are all waiting to see the outcome. Stay tuned for more details.....

ONA Membership

The association has grown in membership every year. We have 299 members at this time consisting of 69 new and 230 renewals. There are 47 members from last year who have not renewed their membership. Those dues would add an additional \$1,175.00 of income. The chart reflects ONA membership compared with total homes in the community.





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ONA Hotline

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Meetings

General Membership	Sept 15
Environmental	Sept. 19
O.N.A. Board	Oct. 6

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ONA PET REGISTER

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Pet Names _____

Type (dog/cat) _____ (dog/cat) _____ (dog/cat) _____

Breed _____

Age _____

Sex _____

Return form to Oakridge Neighborhood Association P.O.Box 450145, Garland, TX 75045-0145

MOMS WANTED!

POSITIONS are now (and are always) available for Oakridge Family Co-op Members.

TO QUALIFY, you must be a mother, either young or young-at-heart, with infants, toddlers, adolescents, teens or even grown kids (who you think are now out of the house)! In other words, all Moms qualify!

RESPONSIBILITIES include getting together with other moms once a month (sometimes more, when family activities are planned) to discuss the joy and not so joyous moments of motherhood, enjoying good food, having lots of fun, and best of all, making new friends.

TO APPLY (rather, be welcomed with open arms!), you are graciously invited to attend our next social on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p. m. We will meet at the home of Kay Hackler located at 2809 Stoneridge Drive, in Oakridge. If you need directions, please call Kay at 495-4879. We will be playing Keno and there will be refreshments and prizes! For those of you who have never played Keno, it is really easy and no previous experience is necessary! All Oakridge Moms are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In addition to our monthly socials, the Oakridge Family Cc-op also plans many other activities, including the 4th of July Parade, Easter Egg Hunts and Christmas parties. Because of costs associated with these activities, dues are \$10/year (membership is September- August). We are now having our annual membership drive and the more members we have, the more fun, friendships and festivities we can enjoy!

CONTACT: If you are unable to attend the social but would still like to know more about the Oakridge Family Cc-op, please call Sharron Smith at 530-3873.

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Classified Ads

Baby-sitter needed for 11 year old girl. Weekend evenings and occasional weekday evenings.

Contact:

Janet at 414-5074 or 341-2908

ALTERATIONS

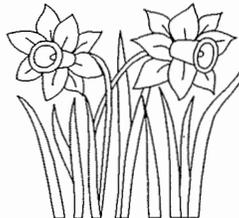
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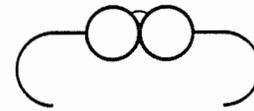
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SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 24, 1994, 7:00 p. m.
Oakridge Country Club

Guest speaker, Tom Turner, of the Garland Parks and Recreation Department explained that it is not the City of Garland's responsibility to maintain the areas surrounding the Oakridge brick walls. The homeowners are responsible. However, in an effort to improve the appearance of Garland, mowing is done from the curb to the sidewalk when it can be scheduled with the limited personnel and equipment that are available. He suggested that the least expensive way to improve the Shiloh side would be to work up and level the dirt, then use a selective herbicide and fertilizer to encourage the Bermuda grass to grow that is already there. Regular mowing to keep it attractive would be necessary. Mr. Turner shared his experience and knowledge in a discussion with the group on what could be done to these outside areas to improve the appearance. NOTE: Nothing can be done unless we are able to get more income.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY, Donna Dayhoff -Read the minutes of the previous board meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER, Cindie Johnson -Cindie could not attend, but sent a report which was reviewed by Jay Miles.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, Pam Harbach- Because we do not have the money to include monitoring our sprinkler system in the maintenance contract, when repairs or revisions of the water distribution are necessary, they can only be done if money is available and the expenditure is approved by the board. The poor condition of the Bradford pears on Overview is a result of lack of this service. Winding Oak Trail entry is now being mowed regularly. Spent flowers have been removed, but we are unable to replace them due to lack of funds. Pam requested ap-

proval to pursue a bid on a one time clean up and mowing of the area surrounding the walls. Previous volunteer clean up days have not been successful in attracting enough people to do this enormous job. JoAnn Schmerheim directed Pam to get the bid. The apartment complex has cut the grass by the creek due to the Environmental Committee chairpersons requesting the city to advise the management of the complex of their responsibility. Pam expressed the need for a system for getting names of new residents so they can be informed of ONA.

CRIME, Luanne Payne -Crime is up in Oakridge. A report will be published in the ONA news. The Crime Watch National Night Out on August 2nd was declared a success.

FINANCE, Jay Miles -presented a 5 year plan. Part I relates to revenues (membership). Part II projects cost and number of expenditures contingent upon Part I. JoAnn Schmerheim has requested that Jay meet with ONA treasurer, Cindie Johnson to further detail these projections.

MEMBERSHIP, JoAnn Schmerheim-229 members have rejoined the ONA, 67 new members, 48 members have not renewed. If these 48 rejoined, it would give us an additional \$1200 to use to improve the Oakridge grounds. She also stated we need a membership drive of some kind to increase our revenues.

COMMUNICATION, JoAnn Schmerheim Rosters have been delivered to all members. Signs are needed to alert members of messages on the hot line regarding crimes in the neighborhood. This could eliminate misinformation that circulates throughout the neighborhood. Costs for mailing the ONA newsletter are: \$75 set up fee, an annual fee of \$75, and 16 cents postage for each one.

CIVIC & POLITICAL, Jack Rash - Inactive at this time due to lack of interest by members, but will attempt to revive this committee.

OAKRIDGE C.C. Liaison, Peggy Richey Oakridge residents, both adults and children who are illegally on the golf course, have inflicted a great deal of damage on the greens of the private golf course. Repairs are costly. The club has been forced by these actions to strictly enforce the no trespassing law. Peggy outlined a plan for recruiting new members and volunteers to implement it.

PROJECTS- Donna Dayhoff presented information on a bulbs for your garden sale. The following board members will oversee these committees:

Bulb Sale -	Barbara Mutter
Pumpkin- Bake Sale	Lila LaGrassa
	Luanne Payne
Poinsettia Sale	Stephanie Hall
Christmas Decorations	Ron Horan
ByLaws	Bonnie Fisk

All monies earned from sales will be used for beautification projects.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Bonnie Fisk

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VOLUNTEERS

The association needs some volunteers. Please call the information number at 220-2286 if you could help on one of the following committees:

Communication Committee
Membership Committee
Civic and Political Committee
Block Captains
Bulb Sale
Pumpkin Sale
Poinsettia Sale
Christmas Decorations
By Laws

Return the completed form with \$25.00 dues to
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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

Member #2

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

Employer Occupation Business Phone

MEMBER #1

MEMBER #2

I AM INTERESTED IN: PLEASE CHECK ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES

- Actively participating on a committee. Please contact me.
- Learning more about the Association. Please contact me.
- Participating on a committee on an "as needed" basis.
- Offering some type of business sponsorship. (Advertising, Resources, etc.)
- Supporting the Association by paying annual dues and being informed.

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PRIORITIZE YOUR INTERESTS IN THE ASSOCIATION: 1-4 1-MOST IMPORATANT 4-LEAST IMPORTANT

- Social Activities
- Beautification Projects
- Civic, City & Zoning Concerns
- Crime Prevention
- Senior Citizen Organization
- Youth Organization
- Other _____

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CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD

Name Birthday Name Birthday

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