

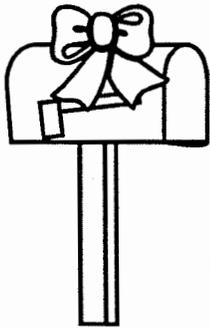


# Oakridge News

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## THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS PLAY

Produced by Peggy Richey

### STARRING ROLES AVAILABLE FOR ALL

As friends and neighbors, we can do a lot for each other this holiday season. Here's How! Are you READY?  
This may be a stroke of genius on the part of your board?

### THE PLAY IS A TWO PART SCENARIO

#### ACT I: "The Setup"

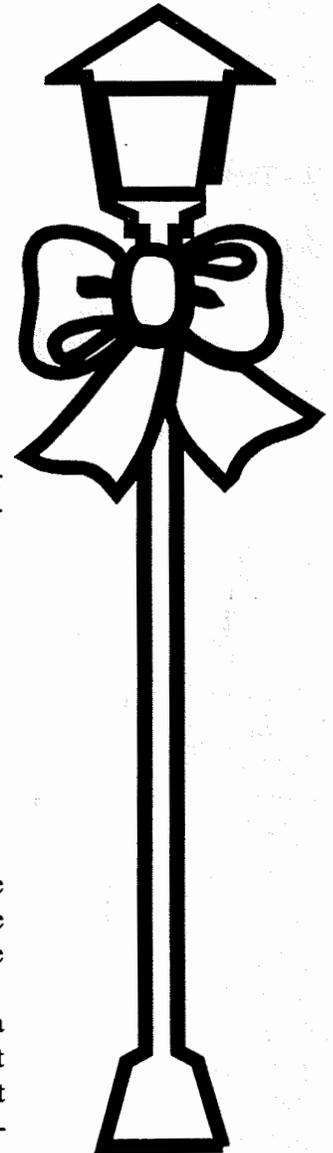
We are asking all friends and neighbors to **decorate their mailboxes**. This will brighten the streets and can be a lot of fun to do with your friends. If you would like to decorate your mailbox and you are unable to get out or need help, call Peggy Richey at (214) 783-0000 or Cindie Johnson at (214) 530-6663.

I am particularly excited about how much fun we can have and how creative we can get. The children will love it!

#### ACT II: "The Sting"

Let's make this more interesting...

How about, in addition to the mailboxes we "**adopt a light pole**". If any of you have connections with GTE or Garland Power and Light and can get a couple of trucks with the tall ladders with baskets, we could plan a couple of evenings. I would be happy to organize such an event. Many of you already have ladders that will reach to the base of the lamp. Please contact us if you do and would like to help. Production costs will be held to a minimum if we all share in the cost of our individual "Broadway light" This would be a great time for Block Captains to help organize. ( By the way...this is an excellent time for me to let my neighbors know that they will be invited to decorate our light pole and I will be contacting them. How does Hot Buttered Rum sound?); There is another "sting", oops, I mean story in this...



**CHORUS OPTIONAL**

### THE FINAL CURTAIN

Stay tuned for more details.....

## Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne, Chairperson

### CRIME STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER:

6 - Burglary of Habitation	Diamond Oaks Hickory Bend Pebblestone Stoneridge Winding Oak Meadowridge
2 - Burglary of Building	Hearthside (2)
2 - Burglary of Vehicle	Crestedge Big Oaks
1 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Greenview Dr.
8 - Criminal Mischief	Hickory Bend Golden Oaks Stoneridge Moss Trail Big Oaks Ridge Oak & Bending Oaks Oak Point Diamond Oaks

When I received this list of offenses, I was not shocked at the total number but very disappointed. There was a total of 19 offenses reported which was up by 4 from the previous month of September.

It is very discouraging to all of us who like to decorate our yards, only to have our displays destroyed for pure meanness. I, like many of you, had my pumpkins stolen from my front porch and found busted just a few houses down. Why, I keep asking myself do this "juveniles" want to be so destructive? Some of you suffered costly repairs to mailboxes and car windows.

With the Christmas holidays coming up, we all enjoy the beautiful lights and decorations but last year many of us suffered the loss of our lights being cut. This may discourage some from decorating again this year, but I hope not. We all need to watch out for our neighbors and take proper action by calling the police.

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**December 1st, 7-9 p.m.**

RSVP: Luanne Payne 530-9323



**Remember!!!**

Your poinsettias, wreaths and garland must be picked up and paid for on Dec 3 at Stephanie Hall's, 2713 Oak Point Drive.

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## HELP SERVE THOSE WHO SERVE US

It's that time of year again when we all want to say thank you to some special people that are always there when needed. I am referring to the Garland Police and Fire Departments. This will be the third year that the O.N.A. has put together two complete dinners. This is all done by various donations from you.

The Oakridge Country Club has donated two complete turkey dinners, as well as, Albertsons donating a ham and fruit basket. You can be a part of this by making a delicious dish, such as vegetables, deserts, bread or salads. We also take cash donations to help pay for the paper products and utensils.

If you would like to make a donation, please call Luanne Payne at 530-9323, TODAY! Several of us warm bodies deliver these dinners on Christmas Day. Anyone who wants to go along is more than welcome and will be appreciated. The Fire Station No. 3 is usually delivered by 11:00 and the Police Station is delivered by 1:30.

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### *LAST CALL!*

Listen up Moms! This is your last chance to join the Oakridge Family Co-op to be included in both the kids and the adult Christmas parties! We will not be having a December general meeting, but if you are interested in joining the Co-op or at least learning more about it, please call Sharron Smith at 530-3873. (Please call before December 10th if you think you might want to participate in either of the Christmas parties.)

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th at 7 P.M. We will be meeting at the Oakridge Country Club to have dinner as well as elect officers, make or change guidelines, discuss future programs and enjoy each other's company. So if you would like to have some input as to the structure and direction of the Co-op, we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting.

The Oakridge Family Co-op welcomes all Moms, either young or young-at-heart, with infants, toddlers, adolescents, teens or even grown kids (who you think are now out of the house!) We have members in all of these categories! We get 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, enjoy good food, have lots of fun, and best of all, make new friends. In addition to our monthly meetings/socials, the Oakridge Family Co-op also plans many other family activities, including Easter Egg Hunts, pool parties, 4th of July Parades, Halloween and Christmas parties. To cover costs associated with these activities, annual dues are \$10 (through August, 1995).

Please call immediately if you want to participate in either of the Christmas parties or if you would like to know more about the Oakridge Family Co-op Sharron Smith, 530-3873.

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Susan Sanchez  
Decorating Consultant

**Holiday Entertaining**

With the amount of entertaining we do during the holiday season, it seems we're always searching for new ideas to make our events the most special occasions. While the food served is very important, a beautiful decor sets the tone for the party. Here are some holiday decorating tips to inspire you so your next party is a festive success.

A striking table sets the tone. Whether it's a buffet or a sit-down dinner, the extra touches enliven the occasion. Go the extra mile by purchasing special table linens. From traditional holiday red and green, pristine white, or a more formal overlay of gold or silver, the linens should convey a festive air, proclaiming the importance of the occasion.

Create a striking centerpiece for a crowning touch. A simple but clever idea that comes from the publishers of Beaker Homes and Gardens, is the "Flaming Cake Stand". Arrange crystal candle holders of varying heights in the center of a crystal or cut glass cake stand. Then, circle the perimeter of the plate with votive candles. While the candles are lit, be sure someone stays in the room!

For a more rustic look, select an oblong wooden bowl and fill it with an assortment of your favorite handmade decorations. A suggestion is to glue nuts on ordinary foam balls. Then glitter the globes with gold beads. Picture red pistachio, almond, walnut and even acorn covered orbs, interspersed with small bits of evergreen and the occasional "real" Christmas ornament such as a gold star. The contrast of the traditional glitter against the natural texture of the nuts creates a visual feast for the eyes. These ornaments also make great Christmas tree decorations. It's these special touches that'll make this year's holiday entertaining the best ever!

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carpentry</li> <li>● Sheetrock Repair</li> <li>● Acoustical Ceilings</li> <li>● Electrical</li> <li>● Plumbing</li> <li>● Fence Repair</li> <li>● Replace Shower Pans</li> <li>● Marble Ceramic Tile-Walls &amp; Floors</li> <li>● Install Dead Bolts</li> <li>● Hang New Doors</li> <li>● Storm Windows &amp; Doors</li> <li>● Ceiling Fans</li> <li>● Light Fixtures, etc.</li> <li>● Carpet &amp; Sheet Vinyl</li> <li>● Pet Doors and More !</li> </ul>

## TEXAS H.E.A.T. PROGRAM

Local police departments in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety has kicked off a new campaign called, Texas HEAT, which stands for "Help End Auto Theft". Since most auto thefts occur between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., police are asking motorists who do not usually drive their cars during this time period, to place the special HEAT stickers on their cars.

When the police see vehicles with these stickers on the streets between 1 a.m and 5 a.m., they will assume the vehicle is stolen and will pull the driver over.

To register your car, the vehicle owner must present the title, a valid drivers license, proof of insurance, vehicle registration receipt and a phone number where the owner may be reached between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. The cost is only \$2.00 and the vehicle is registered for four years. In the event the car is sold during this four year period, the owner must notify the Police Department in writing and remove the decals completely.

Although the Garland Police have organized their own HEAT program in the past, the new DPS program should be more effective. This new statewide program will discontinue the old one.

This new program is performed by an office from the Crime Prevention Unit and it only takes about five minutes. You may call the police department at 205-2122 to schedule a time.

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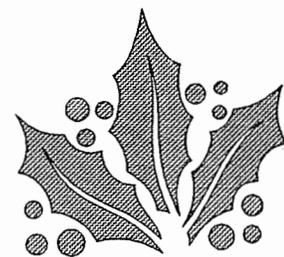
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THEREFORE, AS YOU CONSIDER PURCHASING EYEWEAR, WE HOPE YOU WILL VISIT KINGSLEY OPTICAL, WHERE WE ARE DEDICATED TO SERVE YOU AND YOUR SATISFACTION IS OUR GUARANTEE!



Happy Holidays....

from your ONA Board and the Oakridge News. We hope you have enjoyed your newsletter this year. We will not be publishing a newsletter in December.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
Chairman Ron and Pam Harbach

Thanks Again! Your continued support of the Environmental Committee is greatly appreciated. The ONA Pumpkin and Bake Sale held in October was very successful. And because of your efforts we are once again able to accomplish some extra beautification projects in the neighborhood. You will begin to see the following changes:

**OVERVIEW DRIVE**

We are bringing in dirt to fill the low lying areas around the Bradford pear trees. These trees have had some wash out around the base which is allowing the water to sit dormant and accumulate around the base of the trees and also under ground near the root system. This dirt fill should eliminate the excess water drainage and improve the condition of the trees.

**BUCKINGHAM AND SHILOH**

Our landscaping contractor will do a "one time" pick up of trash, mowing, and edging of these two streets during the month of November. We realize the need for more attention to these streets but our current budget just doesn't allow for it. This will be an item for next years budget when it comes up for review. Hopefully we will have continued growth in our membership to help cover this in next year's budget.

**RIDGE OAK/JUPITER**

Marcus Medina, our landscaping contractor, contacted us and indicated he wanted to show his appreciation to the neighborhood for giving him the maintenance contract for this year. Marcus will plant pansies at no cost to the Association in the planter boxes at Ridge Oak/Jupiter.

**LAUREL OAKS/BELTLINE**

We will be planting pansies in the small flower beds. We had to cut a tree down on the parkway this summer due to a storm pulling the tree out of the ground by its roots. When we removed the tree we did not clean out the roots or fill the hole with dirt. Also the remaining trees on the parkway have very exposed roots and need to have some fill dirt put in around them to prevent damage to the roots.

**WATERWAY BEHIND APARTMENT COMPLEX ON BELTINE**

We have contacted the City once again to see if we can get a regular mowing done on this waterway. Again, we must remember this is not a City waterway. This waterway is the property of the apartment complex. The owners will be notified that the waterway must be mowed to prevent a city fine being assessed.

Thanks again for your financial support on these extra projects. At any time that you "would like to donate money" towards further beautification just issue a check to the Oakridge Neighborhood Association and indicate on the check it is for beautification project.

Have a wonderful holiday season. This has been a very successful year for the ONA through the efforts of all our neighbors and friends. We are looking forward to next year. Be sure to ask a neighbor or friend if they are members of the ONA and tell them about our accomplishments during 1994.

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**Unightly Nuisance**

When conditions within residential areas tend to reduce the visual appeal of the neighborhood, a possible unsightly objectionable condition exists. This condition is defined as being any object or matter which is or should be objectionable or unsightly to a person of ordinary sensitivities. If this code violation is noted. Please call our office for a complete explanation of the codes.  
205-3374

**REMEMBER!!!**

Your ONA runs on a fiscal year beginning June 1st and ending May 31. Dues for 1995 should be remitted by June 1st.

Thank you for your support in 1994

## Oakridge Crime Watch Block Captains

RIDGE OAK DR. (51)	3405 - Kim Gingerich 3202 - Ann Kennedy 3201 - Talou Miller 3229 - Donna Dayhoff	GRAND OAK (23)	2906 - Virbol & Ruth Bartlett 2822 - Mary Anne McFall
RIDGE OAK PL. (13)	2601 - Cheryl Wood 2618 - June Edwards	WILLOW RIDGE (19)	2813 - Luanne Payne
RIDGE OAK CT. (8)	2501 - Cathy Murphy	WINDING OAK (21)	2813 - Vance & Elena Smith
RIDGE VIEW LN. (6)	<b>NEEDED</b>	OVERVIEW (50)	2018 - Betty Glover
GREENVIEW DR. (27)	3310 - Kim Eubanks 3422 - Beverly Prater	PEAKWOOD (30)	2119 - Jack Treadway
GREENVIEW CIR. (4)	2709 - Betsy Pugh	HEARTHSIDE LN (34)	2006 - Penny Nail
BENDING OAKS (27)	3314 - Sue Cole 3222 - Sara Traylor 3202 - Hazel & Dick Toberny 3317 - Mary Fowler	LAUREL OAKS (57)	2850 - Jo Ann Schmerheim 2730 - Bert Littlejohn
BEAVER RUN (5)	<b>NEEDED</b>	LAUREL OAKS CT. (22)	3202 - John Mohrle
GOLDEN OAKS (23)	2405 - Bonnie Hill	BIG OAKS (148)	2502 - Mary Macejewski 2509 - Mark Edwards 2706 - Scott Youzva 2821 - Sharon McDonald 3014 - Joan Nichols
DIAMOND OAKS (68)	2125 - Harry & Lila LaGrassa 2101 - Doris Autrey 2226 - Sharon Smith 2321 - Dennis Cheatham	HICKORY BEND (62)	2622 - Pat Woods 2629 - Clara Mae Meurer
OAK POINT (59)	2713 - Stephanie Hall 2906 - Art Dietz 3026 - Vince Golbeck	STONERIDGE (64)	2810 - Weldon Martindale 2870 - Edward Carpenter
OAK SPRINGS (26)	3001 - Mary Musseman	MEADOWRIDGE (29)	2625 - Katherine Rackley
LONE OAK (18)	2401 - Pam Hubbard	RICHLAND (22)	2625 - Nancy Hoffman
ROCKY TRAIL (6)	<b>NEEDED</b>	SUNCREST (19)	2502 - Lisa Wilson
MOSS TRAIL (16)	2221 - Vicki Fitzgerald	CREIGHTON (18)	2517 - Elaine Centorbi 2525 - Robin Yaklin
ROLLING OAK (32)	2217 - Jim Cook 2005 - Sue Hageland	CRESTEDGE (13)	2504 - Natalie Burgin 2522 - Lynn Hamilton
SHADY OAKS CT. (11)	2201 - Charles & Valerie Derryberry	FULTON (29)	2433 - Jake Benner
WINDY RIDGE LN. (18)	2113 - Jack Rash 2114 - Ken Davey 2117 - Paul Muller	PEPPERIDGE (19)	2502 - Sandy Dean
		PEBBLESTONE (21)	2537 - Deborah Meals 2545 - Patricia Downing
		RICHOAK (10)	<b>NEEDED</b>

To be a Block Captain. You need just 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 every 6 to 10 houses.** With approximately 1,200 homes in Oakridge, we have a long way

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to go. The number in parenthesis is the number of homes on that street **Volunteer to be a Block Captain by calling the O.N.A. Crime Watch and Information Hotline at 220-2286.** Leave your name and number and we'll call you back.

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

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

According to the by-laws 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 \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred or Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Member # 2

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred or Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBER # 1

- Actively participating on a committee.  
Please contact me.
- Learning more about the association.  
Please contact me.
- Participating on a committee "as needed"
- Offering some type of business sponsorship  
(Advertising, Resources, etc.)
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Prioritize your interests in the Association: 1-4 ( 1-Most Important 4-Least Important )

- Social Activities
- Beautification Projects
- Civic and Political
- Crime Prevention
- Senior Citizen
- Youth Organization
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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#### CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_