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## GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 26, 1995 7:30 PM OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

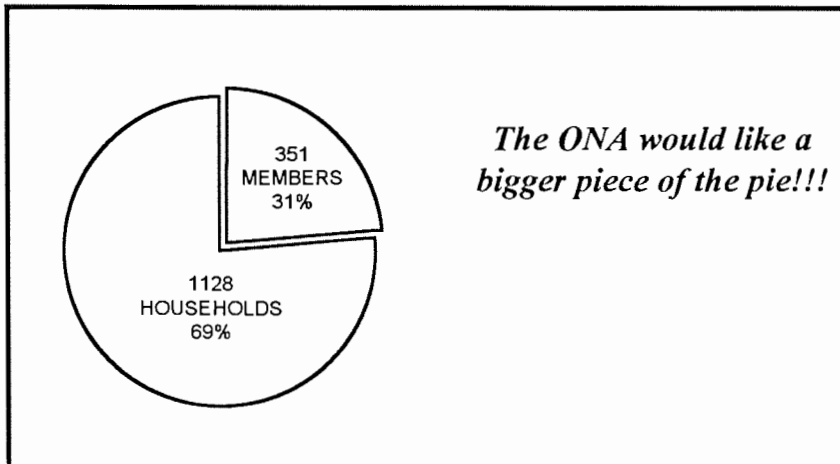
Find out what you can expect from the city  
and what the city expects from you !!

There will be a panel to answer your questions:

- Parks and Maintenance coordinator.....Mr. Ray Lunsford
- Urban Planner .....Mr. Claude Thompson
- Code Enforcement
- Recycling

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. The nominating committee for the ONA officers will be appointed. Anyone interested in serving on the ONA board and/or working with the Oakridge News please call the hotline

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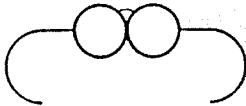
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## Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne, Chairperson

### CRIME STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER:

3 - Burglary of Habitation	Hickory Bend Rolling Oak Fulton
1 - Burglary of Building	Diamond Oaks
3 - Burglary of Vehicle	Overview Diamond Oaks Golden Oaks
1 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Greenview Dr.
1 - Theft Under \$20	Meadowridge
3 - Criminal Mischief	Ridge Oak Dr. Golden Oaks Bending Oaks
4 - Assault Class C Misdemeanor	Laurel Oaks Ct. Ridge Oak Place (3)



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The crime statistics for the month of November were down from the month of October which had 19 offenses reported. November reported 16 offenses. The total offenses reported city-wide for Garland were down from the previous month. There was some overall improvement.

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### Newsline!!!

A D and Pat Woods will soon be moving from the Oakridge community. They have supported the ONA from its beginning and will be sorely missed. Fortunately for our organization, A D has offered to continue printing our newsletter. All of us in the ONA wish A D and Pat the very best.

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**WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!**

Welcome to 1995! It should prove to be a good year. Each year the Association grows a little and more people become involved.

Congratulations to Luanne Payne as the new liaison to the Oakridge Board of Governors. I know she will do a terrific job and bring the goals of both the Club and Association closer together. It is our hope that in the next several years all owners and tenants in Oakridge will join and support the association.

Thanks to all of those who decorated a pole next to their home and added some Christmas cheer to their mailboxes. I hope this season started a tradition that will spread throughout the streets for the entire neighborhood to enjoy. I can say that on my culdesac we had a chance to visit with each other and keep up with each others activities. If only for a short time it brought a neighborhood togetherness that made my husband and I feel the "warm fuzzies" associated with the Christmas spirit.

I wish you Health and Happiness in 1995.

Fondly,

Peggy Richey

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**O.N.A. HOTLINE SIGNS**

In a few weeks you will be seeing some new signs placed at each of the nine entryways. These signs will only be up periodically to inform you of important information on neighborhood activities and local happenings. The signs will read:

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: ONA HOTLINE UPDATE :  
: 220-2286 :  
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When you see the signs, please call the voice mail number to receive the information. The information may be about crime, ONA membership meetings or some local event that may be planned. This will be another way we can communicate with the homeowners here in Oakridge. The signs will only remain posted for a maximum of three days. Keep this number handy to leave any information or questions you may have.

**PASSBOOK CLUBS OF AMERICA**

Wow! What a great response I received from my ad in the November Oakridge News about the Passbook Savings Book. Many of you were already aware of the great savings you get with this book and were eager to buy the new 1995 book. The O.N.A. Crime Watch Committee is selling these books at \$35.00 each. If you don't have one yet, it isn't too late. Remember, after you use the book 3 or 4 times you can recoup the investment. This book is great for families with children, couples and even senior citizens! The first coupon my family used we saved \$20 at Medieval Times. What a great place for family entertainment or even to celebrate a special occasion.

The books will be on sale at the O.N.A. General Membership meeting on Thursday, January 26th, at the Country Club. The books make a great gift also. If you can't wait for the meeting, I will be glad to personally deliver it to you. Just pick up the phone and call, Luanne Payne at 530-9320.



**New Year's Facelift— For the Home!**  
*From Susan Sanchez, Decorating Den*

Happy New Year! This year, instead of making that same old new year's resolution of losing ten pounds or going to the health club three times a week, resolve to give your interiors a new year's face lift!

You don't have to give your entire home a drastic overhaul. Just a little updating is all it takes to ring in the new year right. A new sofa in the living room can bring new life to an old room. Or maybe you are not ready to replace the sofa, but would somehow like to give it a new look. Throw pillows will do the trick. Custom cover them in coordinating fabrics.

When was the last time you thought of the walls of your rooms? A simple change of wall color makes a marked improvement upon a room. Or introduce a

pattern to make your walls take on more of a starring role. With the countless wallcoverings and designer paint colors available, you should have no trouble finding just the right look.

Let's turn to the windows. Are you looking through heavily draped window treatments that make you feel like something is overdue for dusting? If so, it's time— out with the old and in with the new. Many of today's stylish window treatment designs are refreshing light. They say "Look through me, not at me!" Of course, if the view is unappealing there are numerous ways to camouflage it, such as wood blinds or sheers.

Be sure you have enough lighting; it can chase away the winter doldrums by adding both visual interest as well as light. Add greenery to your home to give your house a summertime feeling throughout those dreary months of January and February. If you don't have a green thumb, purchase a few quality silk plants that will bring life to your interiors.

It's easy to give your home a new year's face lift. From furniture and lighting to the simple detail of new accessories, there are countless ways to update your home's look without spending a bundle. (Or spend a bundle, if that's what you want!) This will be one new year's resolution you will thank yourself for keeping.

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- Install Dead Bolts
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**CRIME STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER:**

4 - Burglary of Habitation	Diamond Oaks Meadowridge (3)
1 - Burglary of Vehicle	Meadowridge
3 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Ridge Oak Ct. Stoneridge Rolling Oak
3 - Criminal Mischief	Big Oaks (2) Bending Oaks

The crime statistics for the month of December were down again (two months in a row) from the November report, shown above. There was a total of 11 offenses reported in December which is a decrease of 5 reports made in November. This was encouraging to me, especially during the Christmas holidays. I know there were some reports of lights being cut or broken but less than I heard about last year at this time.

A bit of noteworthy news about the Garland Police Department Community Awareness Bureau; they are the recipient of the "Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency" award for 1994 from the North Texas Crime Prevention Association. This award is presented for outstanding accomplishments in the field of Crime Prevention.

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**THANK YOU !!!**

My sincere thanks to each of the families shown below who contributed food and money toward the Christmas dinners that were taken to the Garland Police Department and Fire Station #3. This was the 3rd year the O.N.A. has been able to provide dinners for these very hard working city employees. They truly appreciate it. Without your help, the Crime Watch Committee would not be able to put this together at such a busy time for all of us. Thanks, also, for those who helped in delivering the dinners.

The Autreys	The Hubbards	The Paynes
The Crossans	The LaGrassas'	The Rammels
The Edwards	The Muerers	The Schmerheims
The Gingerichs	The Miles'	The Holmes/Sullivans
The Hagelands	The Mussemans	The Woods'

A special thank you the Oakridge Country Club and Albertsons for their very generous donations.

Luanne Payne, Chairperson  
Crime Watch Committee

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTION-  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**

Many of us have made New Year's resolutions to quit smoking, exercise more, and of course, the annual resolution to lose weight. But something that perhaps you didn't think about is that it might be nice to make new friends in the neighborhood, especially friends who have something in common with you- KIDS!

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.

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## SUMMARY OF ONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 5, 1994 7:00 p. m.  
Oakridge Country Club

Attendees: Jo Ann Schmerheim, Barbara Muller, Ron Harbach, Ron Horan, Luanne Payne, Lila La Grassa and Bonnie Fisk.

Several members were unable to attend so an informal meeting was held.

Jo Ann announced that Luanne Payne has been appointed to the Oakridge Country Club Board of Directors as a representative of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association (ONA).

Jo Ann thanked the board members for their efforts in the recent money making projects benefiting ONA. She also commented on the excellent clean up job our maintenance contractor had done on the Shiloh side of Oakridge. There were many weed trees and other debris that was removed.

Membership now stands at 351. All those attending were pleased to hear of the increase.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE-** Ron Harbach, The sprinklers on Diamond Oaks may have a leak somewhere because there is standing water near the controls. Overview was shut off because of malfunctioning. Repairs will be postponed until spring. The maintenance contractor has done a good job this past year. Jo Ann instructed Ron to get bids on sprinkler maintenance and clean up and maintenance of Shiloh and Buckingham.

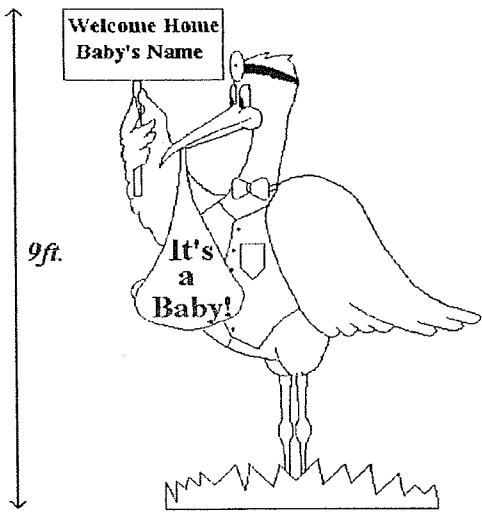
(Hopefully our membership will increase so we can add these services to our maintenance contract.) The City of Garland maintains Beltline and the City of Richardson maintains Jupiter.

**CRIME PREVENTION-** Luanne Payne, is selling passbooks as a money making project for ONA and will use the proceeds to purchase signs for the Crime Watch Program. These signs will be used to alert residents to call the hotline when criminal activity has been reported in the neighborhood. Christmas dinners were delivered to the Police and Fire Departments by Luanne and other volunteers. Oakridge Country Club and Albertson's donated hams, turkey and pies. Oakridge residents

**BY LAWS-** Bonnie Fisk, Changes recommended by the By Law Committee, Georga Peraza, Jack Rash and Bonnie Fisk, were presented to the group. There will be a discussion on those changes at the next board meeting.

Jo Ann Schmerheim reported that the City of Garland hosted a meeting for all neighborhood associations in Garland. There are 18 associations registered with Garland. Eleven of those were represented at the meeting Jo Ann attended on behalf of ONA. These meetings will be beneficial to all. The subject of dues for new residents and new members, in relationship to our operating year, will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bonnie Fisk was instructed to contact the City of Garland for a panel of speakers from four departments addressing city codes, maintenance of grounds, planning and recycling, for our January 26th meeting for all Oakridge residents Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.



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### NEW YEAR RESOLUTION- MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

To cover costs associated with these activities, annual dues are \$10 (through August, 1995). Take a break from the kids and join other Moms at our next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 1 Orb at 1 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 regarding the structure and direction of the Cc -op, we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting.

If you are unable to attend our January meeting, but would like more information about the Oakridge Family Cc -op, please call Sharron Smith at 530 -3873.

## ***BLOCK CAPTAIN GUIDELINES***

1. Serve as a liaison between residents and coordinator.
2. Recruit new watch members, striving for 100% participation in the block or blocks for which you are responsible.
3. Assist coordinator in planning meetings and activities.
4. Maintain list of participating members, including name, address, phone numbers.
5. Distribute newsletters to each home on your street.  
(**DO NOT PUT THEM IN MAILBOXES**, as this is a federal offense.) Newsletters should be placed under doormats or on door handle if there is no doormat.
6. Check on empty homes and remove door hangers or other ads.
7. Maintain checking of members homes when on vacation.
8. Attend all block captain meetings whenever possible.

These are guidelines set by the Police Department for each Crime Watch program to go by. I always tell my block captains that they are probably already doing most of these things by being a good and trustworthy neighbor.

### **ATTENTION BLOCK CAPTAINS**

I want to personally thank each of you who are block captains and to let you know that I appreciate you representing your street or block and helping to deter crime in our neighborhood. In talking to many of you, I feel a sense of neighborliness returning to the neighborhood. I know I have met so many nice families through my contact as the Crime Watch Chairperson. This job is very important to me and I want you, as a block captain, to feel that your job is important also. With a contact person on each street, I feel as though we can cut down on all the criminal mischief reports. The stronger the system is, the better it works.

So even if you don't hear from me every month, I definitely know you are there and I can count on you. Your help in delivering the newsletters each month is extremely helpful and is very important. The newsletter is the main source of communication we have to get vital information out to each household in Oakridge. If anyone wants to volunteer, you may contact me, Luanne Payne, at 530-9323 or leave a message on the Voice Mail, at 220-2286. A few streets still need a representative and some streets need more than one. Again, I want to thank you all for your continued support and hard work.

Luanne Payne  
O.N.A. Crime Watch Chrp.

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## **Classified Ads**

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### **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

BEAVER RUN (5)	<b>NEEDED</b>	MOSS TRAIL (16)	2221 - Vicki Fitzgerald
BENDING OAKS (27)	3314 - Sue Cole 3222 - Sara Traylor 3202 - Hazel & Dick Toberny 3317 - Mary Fowler	OAK POINT (59)	2713 - Stephanie Hall 2906 - Art Dietz 3026 - Vince Golbeck
BIG OAKS (148)	2502 - Mary Macejewski 2509 - Mark Edwards 2706 - Scott Youzva 2821 - Sharon McDonald 3014 - Joan Nichols	OAK SPRINGS (26)	3001 - Mary Musseman
CREIGHTON (18)	2517 - Elaine Centorbi 2525 - Robin Yaklin	OVERVIEW (50)	2018 - Betty Glover
CRESTEDGE (13)	2504 - Natalie Burgin 2522 - Lynn Hamilton	PEAKWOOD (30)	2119 - Jack Treadway
DIAMOND OAKS (68)	2125 - Harry & Lila LaGrassa 2101 - Doris Autrey 2226 - Sharon Smith 2110 - Victoria Gobeli 2001 - Debbie Stucker	PEBBLESTONE (21)	2537 - Deborah Meals 2545 - Patricia Downing
FULTON (29)	2433 - Jake Benner	PEPPERIDGE (19)	2502 - Sandy Dean
GOLDEN OAKS (23)	2405 - Bonnie Hill	RICHLAND (22)	2625 - Nancy Hoffman
GRAND OAK (23)	2906 - Virbol & Ruth Bartlett 2822 - Mary Anne McFall	RICHOAK (10)	<b>NEEDED</b>
GREENVIEW CIR. (4)	2709 - Betsy Pugh	RIDGE OAK DR. (51)	3405 - Kim Gingerich 3202 - Ann Kennedy 3201 - Talou Miller 3229 - Donna Dayhoff
GREENVIEW DR. (27)	3310 - Kim Eubanks 3422 - Beverly Prater	RIDGE OAK CT. (8)	2501 - Cathy Murphy
HEARTHSIDE LN (34)	2006 - Penny Nail	RIDGE OAK PL. (13)	2601 - Cheryl Wood 2618 - June Edwards
HICKORY BEND (62)	2629 - Clara Mae Meurer 2610 - Suzanne Pelton 2814 - Clifton Boyd	RIDGE VIEW LN. (6)	<b>NEEDED</b>
LAUREL OAKS (57)	2850 - Jo Ann Schmerheim 2730 - Bert Littlejohn	ROCKY TRAIL (6)	<b>NEEDED</b>
LAUREL OAKS CT. (22)	3202 - John Mohrle	ROLLING OAK (32)	2217 - Jim Cook 2005 - Sue Hageland
LONE OAK (18)	2313 - Julie Briner 2405 - Toledo Mulder	SHADY OAKS CT. (11)	2201 - Charles & Valerie Derryberry
MEADOWRIDGE (29)	2625 - Katherine Rackley	STONERIDGE (64)	2810 - Weldon Martindale 2870 - Edward Carpenter 2502 - Lisa Wilson
		SUNCREST (19)	2813 - Luanne Payne 2902 - Karen Sullivan
		WILLOW RIDGE (19)	2813 - Vance & Elena Smith
		WINDING OAK (21)	2113 - Jack Rash 2114 - Ken Davey 2117 - Paul Muller
		WINDY RIDGE LN. (18)	

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

to go. The number in parenthesis is the number of homes on that street 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.