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Show School board you care to get involved

One of the things people who move to Garland mention when asked what attracted them to the area is, unfailingly, "the schools."

Garland is now known in the area and across Texas as having one of the finest school districts for its size. Even though the enrollment in the Garland Independent School District - more than 40,000 students - rivals the population of many cities in Texas, the district continues to rank high in test scores, number of student graduating and number of students going on to college.

There are many reasons for the GISD's successes. The district hires quality teachers, who are backed up by professional principals and administrators. Those administrators constantly update the district's curriculum to make sure what the students are learning is up to date.

A very important key to the district's success is the involvement of parents and businesses and in the education of the community's youngsters. Teachers will tell you that the single thing most helpful to educating students is parents and others who care to get involved and the district has made several options for getting involved available.

Responsible for making sure the Garland Independent School District is the best it can be is a handful of citizens who volunteer their time, energy and effort to the cause of education. This month, the members of the GISD board of trustees are recognized for their hard work during Board Appreciation Month.

Being a trustee in the GISD is not easy. Besides handling the educational concerns of 40,000 students and their parents, board members are also responsible for ensuring those student's safety, making sure there is adequate transportation to get them to school and making sure there are activities that will help the students become well rounded people.

All this is a difficult task in a multicultural, multilingual district that has a school choice program and a court mandated desegregation order. Add to that the political job of getting elected to the board, and you can see how the board's seven members don't always get the appreciation they deserve.

So during February, the best way to let Mike Boyd, Randy Clark, Sydna Gordon, Anne Hamilton, Steve Hill, Randy Ray and Tommy Reed know you appreciate their effort is to show up at a school board meeting and find out what's going on. Show you care by showing up.

The Garland News February 2, 1995
Editorial

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Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne, Chairperson

CRIME STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1995:

1 - Aggravated Assault w/deadly weapon	Diamond Oaks
1 - Burglary of Habitation	Laurel Oaks Dr.
6 - Burglary of Vehicle	Diamond Oaks (2) Pebblestone Stoneridge Hickory Bend Shady Oaks Ct.
1 - Theft \$750 - \$20,000	Hearthside
9 - Criminal Mischief	Willow Ridge Ridge View Ln. (2) Ridge Oak Dr. (3) Overview Moss Trail Lone Oak

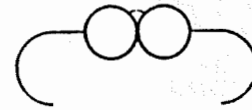
The statistics for January 1995 were up by 11 offenses from the month of December, for a total of 18. This was very disappointing since the two previous months had decreases during November and December holiday seasons. What happened in January?

The first offense listed above, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, was a gang related shooting in which no one was hurt but unfortunately took place in the parking lot of the Country Club in the early morning hours of January 16th, which was a holiday week-end (Martin Luther King). The victims who were shot at do not live in Oakridge and neither do the suspects who were caught and arrested within an hour of the report. The

police informed me that the occupants of the two vehicles had an altercation at another location and the victims retreated to the parking lot when the suspects discovered them. All this information was reported in the Garland News and also discussed at the ONA meeting which was held January 26th.

I would also like to comment on another incident which happened in the late hours of February 2nd. This report will appear on next months crime statistics but since I was informed about it I wanted to relay the information to you. Several car windows were shot out with a pellet gun around 11:30 p.m. on the night of February 2nd.

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Crime Prevention and Safety

Fortunately, the witness happened to be sitting on the porch when the vehicle drove up and started shooting out several car windows that were parked on the street in front of this house. The witness called 911 and gave a description of the vehicle, suspects and license number. Within 15 minutes the police had arrested the 2 suspects at a nearby convenience store.

If there is anything good to report this month, it would be there was only one burglary of habitation, whereas, in December there were 4 and November there were 3. The criminal mischief was up considerably, and I wish there was something we could do about this. The increase may also be due from more of us reporting these "minor" acts of criminal mischief. The police have always said to make reports on everything no matter how small or big. We all realize these criminal mischief offenses can be quite expensive whether you carry insurance or not. So make sure you call and report any problems you may be having. Most of th reports can be made over the phone with the police department, but if you want a policeman to come to your house, they will be glad to. If you have any questions or concerns that I may be able to help you with, you may call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 220-2286.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

The next ONA meeting will be one you will not want to miss. The new Garland Police Chief, Larry Wilson, will be here to speak to us about his support for the Crime Watch and interactive involve-ment with the citizens of Garland. He is a big supporter of the Neighborhood Crime Watch program and I am asking all the Block Captains, as well as the whole neighborhood to be in attendance to show our support in this important program. There will be several other officers in attendance to speak and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Also, "Pete" the new police robot will be here to demonstrate his capabilities. So mark your calendars now for Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Country Club.

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The Crime Watch Committee is still selling the Passbooks and will be until March 31. So if you haven't bought one yet and are still interested in purchasing one, please call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 220-2286.

In last month's newsletter, my telephone number was wrong as I didn't proof read my notes. What can I say, I'm only human! The books are only \$35.00 and the funds raised will be for the Crime Watch. Thank you for your support.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Now that Garland has so many Neighborhood Crime Watch programs in place and growing all the time, the monthly co-coordinators meetings, which are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., will now be taking place in each of the 3 sectors of Garland. Oakridge is in the North Sector of Garland and the next meeting will be held at the North Branch Library, located at Apollo and North Garland Road on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. Block captains or anyone else who is interested in attending is welcome. If you have questions, call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 220-2286.

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Susan Sanchez
Decorating Consultant

Windows Don't Have To Be A Pane

If you are like many consumers, choosing the right window treatment is a confusing process. Trying to decide between balloon valances, swags and jabots, verticals, sheers, blinds, cafe curtains ... it's enough to make you feel like having the entire window just walled off!

It's never easy to choose the right treatment; however, here are a few guidelines to help you get started. First and foremost, decide what you want your window to do, and you've conquered half the battle. Does the window provide a lovely view, or do you need the light but wish to conceal the not-so-lovely view? Once you've decided on function, your choice should also complement the room's style and furnishings.

For our first example, let's use the window opening to a lovely view with no privacy constraints. The rule in this case is "the simpler, the better." One idea is to use some kind of top treatment and perhaps paint the frame in a rich, coordinating color. If afternoon light warms up the room too much, consider cellular shades. They are energy efficient and when not in use, they fold up neatly and almost completely out of sight.

What do you do with the window when the view is not one of great beauty? On the one hand, you wish to hide that view; but on the other hand, you need the light the window provides. Consider a treatment that incorporates sheers, which are back in style again. They gently diffuse the light while disguising the view.

For narrow windows, consider giving the window a wider appearance by hanging draperies beyond the frame. Do you have a short window that's presenting a challenge? It may be possible to hang your draperies from the ceiling to the floor, and use a concealing valance that extends from the ceiling to the top of the window.

It's impossible to cover the countless window challenges in one article (or in one lifetime!); however, we hope this gives you a starting point. Don't be afraid to talk to a professional decorator about your window treatment ideas. Today's decorators are more flexible to meet the needs of the educated consumer. You may be happily surprised at the creative ideas the two of you explore.

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 AT 7 PM THE 2nd TUE OF EACH MONTH IS WHEN WE USUALLY MEET
 EVERY OTHER MONTH OUR MEETINGS ARE AT OAKRIDGE , WHERE WE EAT
 THE ALTERNATE MONTHS WE MEET IN HOMES AND SOCIALIZE
 WITH PROGRAMS OF INTEREST WE PRIORITIZE
 NOW MORE EXCITEMENT IN ON THE WAY
 REMEMBER TO CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR WITHOUT DELAY
 HAPPY HOUR PRICES FROM 6 PM TO 8
 AT OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB SO DON'T BE LATE
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 BRING A FRIEND AND LEAVE THE KIDS HOME FOR THE NIGHT
 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21st AT 7 PM IS WHEN WE NEXT MEET
 NORTH GARLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD PTA WILL MAKE OUR PROGRAM COMPLETE
 THE HOME OF JANELLE SLATON (2308 Diamond Oaks Dr.) IS WHERE WE'LL BE
 DOLLAR FOR PRIZES - BRING ONLY 3
 BUNKO IS THE GAME WE'LL PLAY WITH DELIGHT
 PLEASE COME AND MAKE THIS A SPECIAL NIGHT
 IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS OR TO R .S.V.P.
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 OUR MEETING & WEDNESDAY HAPPY HOUR" ARE BACK TO BACK (Feb. 21 & 22)
 VALENTINES, THIS MONTH GOT OUR DATES A BIT OFF TRACK
 IF YOU MISS THE ABOVE DATES, SOMETIMES OUR NEWS IS LATE GETTING OUT
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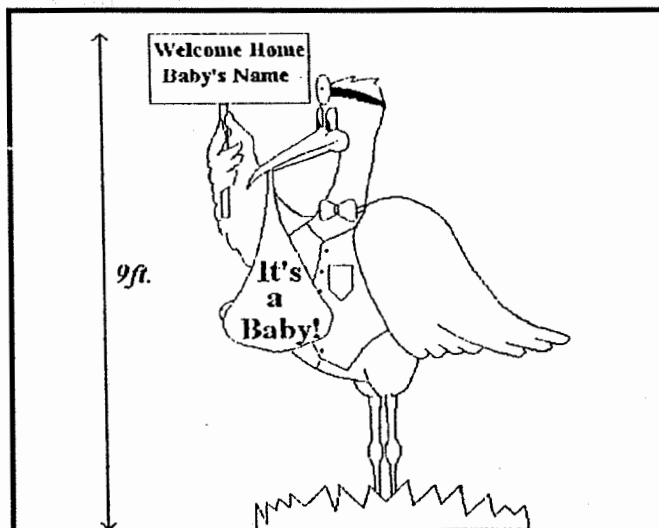
Tuesday March 7, 1995
 Nicholson Library 625 Austin St.
 From 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

TASTE OF GARLAND - "95"

This is a very special event which the Garland Crime Stoppers present each year, this being the 6th year. My family attended this event last year and after it was over, we said we sure don't want to miss this next year. So here it is and here I am to tell you this is great food, great people and for a great cause. All proceeds go to support Crime Stoppers efforts in reducing crime in the community. This is another great opportunity to spend some quality time with your family and eat all kinds of delicious foods from various restaurants in Garland. There are lots of door prizes, a live auction and entertainment. So mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1st from 7-10 p.m. to be at the Hella Temple at 2121 Rowlett Road, Garland, Texas. Tickets are \$15.00 each and don't forget the proceeds go to the Garland Crime Stoppers. You may purchase tickets at the door or call 276-7513, 205-4359, or 328-4381 for reserved seating or advanced tickets.

GARLAND POLICE RODEO ASSOCIATION

If you enjoy a good rodeo and great family entertainment, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. to attend this great event put on by the Garland Police Department and their families. This event will be to benefit the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Tickets are only \$4.00 each and children 12 and under are free. It will be held at the Terrell Classic Arena, FM 148 just south of I-20. It will be fun and what a great way to spend some quality family time together. If you have any questions you may call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 220-2286.



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Oakridge Crime Watch Block Captains

BEAVER RUN (5)	NEEDED	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)	NEEDED
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
HEARTHESIDE 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)	NEEDED
LAUREL OAKS (57)	2850 - Jo Ann Schmerheim 2730 - Bert Littlejohn	ROCKY TRAIL (6)	NEEDED
LAUREL OAKS CT. (22)	3202 - John Mohrle	ROLLING OAK (32)	2217 - Jim Cook 2005 - Sue Hageland
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MEADOWRIDGE (29)	2625 - Katherine Rackley	STONERIDGE (64)	2810 - Weldon Martindale 2870 - Edward Carpenter 2502 - Lisa Wilson
		SUNCREST (19)	2502 - Lisa Wilson
		WILLOW RIDGE (19)	2813 - Luanne Payne 2902 - Karen Sullivan
		WINDING OAK (21)	2813 - Vance & Elena Smith
		WINDY RIDGE LN. (18)	2113 - Jack Rash 2114 - Ken Davey 2117 - Paul Muller

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 Oakridge News

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.

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

MEMBER # 2

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- Civic and Political
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- Senior Citizen
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- Other _____

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CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD

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