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Calling all Oakridge residents, block captains and ONA members and future ONA members.

This is one meeting you don't want to miss. I mentioned this in the last newsletter that the meeting will be focused on Crime Watch and how we, as a neighborhood, can become stronger in fighting crime. Garland's new Chief of Police, Larry Wilson will be on hand to meet us and answer any questions we might have. Commander Jansen, who is in charge of the North Sector operations, will also be in attendance, as well as a few of the officers who work the North Sector of Garland.

Unfortunately, Pete the Robot, will not be able to make the meeting as planned but hopes to be invited back at a later date.

WHEN: Thursday, March 30th

TIME: 7:00 p.m. (Meet the Chief)

WHERE: Oakridge Country Club

I hope to see some new faces and I want to see the old faces too. If you haven't joined the ONA yet, this would be a great time to do so. It's only \$25.00 per year and it is a great way to show your support for the ONA.

GARLAND CRIMESTOPPERS "TASTE OF GARLAND - 1995"

I hope you marked your calendars last month when you read the Oakridge News about the great "Taste of Garland" event. Of course, it is advertised just about everywhere. It is really something you don't want to miss. For \$15.00, you will definitely get your money's worth. The cost of the ticket also benefits the Garland Crimestoppers.

WHEN: Saturday, April 1st

TIME: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hella Temple
2121 Rowlett Road
Garland, Texas

Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will be several door prizes, live auction, entertainment and of course, the great food from some of the best restaurants in Garlan

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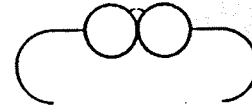
CRIME STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1995:

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| 1 - Burglary of Habitation | Hearthside |
| 14 - Criminal Mischief | Diamond Oaks (2) Lone Oak (4) Bending Oaks (3) Rolling Oak (1) Oak Springs (2) Greenview Dr. (1) Big Oaks (1) |

The statistics for February were down by 3 offenses from the month of January, for a total of 15. As you can see from the list above, 14 of these were criminal mischief reports. We definitely had some "wild" happenings. Six of these offenses took place on February 2nd between 10:00 PM and 11:30 PM. Three more reported on the 16th and another three on the 17th. These also were around the same time period. I think most of these were damages done to vehicles parked on the streets. This total of 14 criminal mischief offenses was up by 5 reports which were made in January.

By now I am sure many of you have seen the Volunteer Speed Watch patrol stationed along Diamond Oaks and Big Oaks. They do not issue tickets, but do write your speed and license number down. The data is used by the traffic division to enhance public awareness relating to the speeding problems in the residential areas. Since Oakridge was one of the highest complaint areas, we unfortunately made the front page of the Garland news, Channel 4 News and the Garland section of the Dallas Morning News a couple of weeks ago. What a great honor! Some of the problems are due to commuters cutting through Oakridge from Buckingham to Jupiter or Beltline. Because of the increase of complaints, the traffic division will be periodically setting up radar throughout Oakridge during the most active times of the day. So be forewarned, if you live in Oakridge, please drive the speed limit of 30 mph, at all times.

In this fast paced world we live in, everyone seems to be in a hurry, including myself. If we could all just leave 5 minutes earlier for work or school, the commute to our destinations would be less hectic and probably more pleasurable. When we are rushed for time, the first thing we do is increase our speed and become more reckless which could cause you and your family harm or some-



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one else's family. Needless to say, quite costly, too, whether it be a traffic violation or a collision. So let's all try to slow down and enjoy the scenery. Life is too short to let it "speed" by!

The next monthly Crime Watch Coordinators meeting will be Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 PM at the North Branch Library, located at Apollo and North Garland Road.

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Circle these dates and call Lisa (530-7875) to tell her whether or not you're coming to any of these events or for details. It helps if you R.S.V.P. at least 2 days before the event.

March 28th - LAST WEDNESDAY HAPPY HOUR - 6-8 PM

at Oakridge Country Club. If you are hungry, order dinner. If you want to get to know your neighbors we're here. If you're new to the neighborhood and just want to know what's going on we can usually tell you. If you just need a night out, come to "Last Wednesday" and just "Chill Out". Our first "Last Wednesday" started out with a bang. We all made new friends and had time to visit with some old ones. Come join us and bring a friend.

April 8th - EASTER EGG HUNT and Moon Walk - 10 am -12 PM

Lisa Wilson has been so busy making plans with the Easter Bunny. We are not "Hopping down the bunny trail". This year we will be Moon Walking. Yes a Moon Walker at our Easter Egg Hunt (\$5) How Eggs-ceptional. Lisa has details including what you can bring and where it will be. This is for families of MEMBERS ONLY. How do you become a Member? Just pay dues That will also entitle you to be part of the other MEMBERS ONLY functions. It's only \$10 a year. Moon Walk on over.

April 11th - Meeting and "TOTAL IMAGE WORKSHOP" - 7 PM

Diane Owens Skin Care & Image Consultant & Talou Miller, Director with Beauty Control will give a slide presentation with concepts to define your style and compliment your body shape. You'll learn how to build a core wardrobe and avoid costly shopping mistakes. Know how to define your fashion personality and how to dress 10 lbs thinner. See what colors are right for you and what a difference the right cosmetic choices can make. The meeting will be at Diane Owens (495-7383) 2121 Windy Ridge. Bring a friend.

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You will have one more opportunity to purchase a 1995 Passbook at the ONA General Meeting, Thursday, March 30th. The cost of the book is only \$35.00. These books make a great gift as well as plenty of savings for everyone. All funds go into the Crime Watch Committee. The committee will be selling these books again in December for 1996. Nine ONA Hotline signs have been purchased with part of the money raised. Hopefully, with the rest of the money and help from you, we will be able to plan for the National Night Out which is in August. If you want to purchase one of these books now, before the ONA meeting, please call me, Luanne Payne, at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline, 220-2286.



GARLAND POLICE RODEO ASSOCIATION

Don't forget about this great event that will be put on by the Garland Police Department. All proceeds from this benefit will go to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. This is a two day event and the cost is only \$4.00 for adults and children 12 and under are free. I can't think of a better way to spend some time with the family for very little cost. Just hope the weather will cooperate.

WHEN: Saturday, April 8th 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 9th 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Terrell Classic Arena
FM 148 just south of I-20
Terrell, Texas

*Susan Sanchez,
Decorating Consultant*

Color Psych

Colors influence mood and maybe used to create a variety of sensations. Your color choices ,also say a lot about your personality. Let's look at a few examples.

Have you ever thought about why hospital operating rooms and the uniforms worn in them by doctors and nurses are "scrub blue"? This tone of blue- green known to be relaxing and may alleviate some of the patient's operation room jitters. The color blue has long been associated with serenity, but for some people who tend to be depressive, blue may depress them even further! If you use blue in your decor, it means that you are a fairly relaxed person--or at least you wish to be.

Red is known for its stimulating effect, It indicates power and strength. Although red, a primary color, is often used in children's rooms, too much of it may over stimulate a youngster-so use it sparingly and in combination with other colors. Various shades, tints and tones of red may be used without as much stimulation. Burgundy and rose are two colors that come to mind.

If you want your guests to eat heartily, use orange and its family of related colors in your dining room! It is known to increase the appetite.

Although purple is not a color you see a lot interior design, it is known as a spiritual color and as the color of royalty In its pure saturated form it is used primarily as an accent color Combined with gray and tinted with white, it becomes a neutral. Eggplant, one of today' popular colors, is a shade of purple that appears in paints, wallcoverings, and fabrics.

Green is Mother Nature's favorite color, and if green is your preference, it indicates that you have an earthy, natural personality. Used as the primary color in a decor it brings the outdoors in, and if is the color that is used the most in combination with others. Just look at any floral in fabric or wallcovering , and you are sure to see green.

Although this article has barely touched on the topic, I hope you are interested enough to take a good look at your own color preferences. You may discover something about yourself!

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**SUMMARY OF BOARD OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 1995
OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**

The following members attended:

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|------------------|----------------|
| JoAnn Schmerhien | Lila LaGrassa |
| Donna Dayhoff | Stephanie Hall |
| Ron Horan | Ron Harbach |
| Bonnie Fisk | |

A discussion of minor changes to the by laws were discussed. These changes addressed incorporation of the association, prorating dues, several deletions and other changes to bring our by laws up to date. These changes will be in the March newsletter for review by the members who will then vote on these changes at the May annual meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held on the possible increase of dues to accommodate the wishes of our members. Increased revenues would allow the association to pursue additional services such as continual maintenance and upkeep of our exterior walls landscaping, routine maintenance of sprinkler systems and projects such as flowers at various entries year around, master landscape plan for exterior of wall and implementation of same. This would require additional water supply to some entries. Replacement of shrubs that have died or become scraggly and mulching all beds on a regular basis are also considerations with increased revenues. A security patrol, although expensive, may be the desire of our members. It was decided that a survey would be distributed to the members for their feedback. Dues can only be increased with the approval of members. Feedback from the members will give the board direction as to what recommendations should be presented to members at our annual meeting in May.

Recently, a neighborhood speed watch was done by volunteers on Diamond Oaks. Police train These individuals to use radar equipment with 12" numbers display on a sign visible to drivers. Volunteers gather information for the Police Department.

Laurel Oaks was closed off to traffic while a commercial was being filmed for a soft drink company. Supposedly, it will air only in Canada.

Ron Harbach, co chair of the Environmental Committee, reported that the cost of maintaining (mowing and clean- up) the exterior of Oakridge every other week would be \$390 per month. A Monthly check of the entire sprinkler system would be \$40 per month. Anticipating an adequate number of members paying their dues, the board approved putting this in the budget.

LuAnne Payne, chair of the Crime Watch Committee, advised that the volunteer security patrol, which she had explained to members attending our last general meeting, would not be implemented by the Garland Police Department. They have elected to do a pilot project with this program in another Garland neighborhood before launching a full scale program. No dates were announced when the project would be completed. She also displayed the signs she had made with money from the passbook sale. She also requested new signs for general meetings as the present ones are deteriorated. She would contribute part of the expense from her crime watch funds. This will be discussed further at a later meeting.

The board also unanimously agreed that the generosity of the Oakridge Country Club

has helped our association tremendously. They have allowed us to use their facilities for our general membership, board and other necessary meetings at no charge. This is very convenient for our members and a major cost savings for our association. The Club has also been supportive of other endeavors such as: use of their parking lot for our pumpkin and bake sales, donation of flowers and contributing food for our Christmas dinner for our Police and Fire Departments. All members and residents of Oakridge should be aware of the support that Oakridge Country Club has given the ONA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

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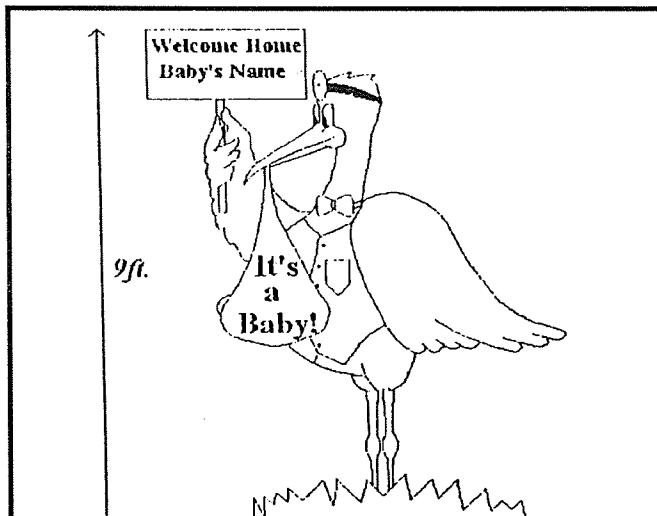
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The reason for this survey is to inform the city of our ideas on recycling. Please complete and mail the survey to:

Oakridge Neighborhood Assoc.
P.O. Box 450145
Garland, TX 75045-0145

.....or bring it with you to the Neighborhood Meeting on March 30, 1995:

1. Are you in favor of continuing city wide recycling?
 yes
 no
2. What is the size of your family?
 1-3 people
 4-5 people
 6 or more
3. Which of the following would you prefer?
 Continue once-a-week
 Reduce the number of pick-ups
4. How convenient is the current program?
 Very convenient
 Somewhat convenient
 Not convenient
5. Does your family use a second green dumpster?
 yes
 no
6. Does your family mulch or compost grass clippings?
 yes
 no

7. Does your family recycle motor oil?
 yes
 no
8. Does your family know about the city's curbside collection of used batteries, motor oil, paint?
 yes
 no
9. How many times a month do you set out your red bin?
 Every Week
 About twice
 About 3 times
 Once
10. Would a collection every other week be convenient?
 yes
 no
11. With weekly pick-up, is the bin large enough?
 yes
 no
12. With every other week pick-up would you need a second bin?
 yes
 no
13. What items does your family recycle most often?
 Please check all that apply:
 Newspapers
 Magazines
 Glass
 #1 and # 2 Plastics
 Aluminum cans
 Steel food cans
 Phone books

14. What is the most important to you?
 The environmental Benefits
 the dollar cost it takes to recycle
15. Would you be willing to pay a higher sanitation bill if it would make a difference as to keeping the program or not?
 yes
 no
16. If so, how much?
 less than 50¢
 less than \$1
 less than \$1.50
 less than \$2

Please use this space for any comment and suggestions. you have:

Garland Homeowners Association Meeting
March 9, 1995
Garland City Hall

I attended the second meeting of the Homeowners Associations which is held at Garland City Hall. Anita Russelmann showed a slide presentation describing how Garland developed into an area of 195,000 homes, 65 parks, 1 excellent public golf course and 5 recreation centers. Garland remains the third safest city in the state of Texas. Anita also explained the future development of the 190 Corridor.

Paul Mayer, President of the Garland Chamber of Commerce, explained how the city and the chamber have a partnership working together to increase the economic development of Garland.

Chief Larry Wilson talked about the direction the police department was going to be taking and the issues facing the department.

Jeff Muzzy, City Manager, and the City Council members planned the meetings to keep a close relationship between the city and all the homeowners associations.

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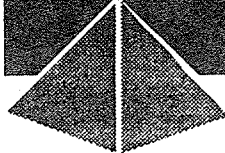
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