



Oakridge News

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SUPPORT THE ONA

It's that time of the year to send out the old and bring in the new. We need some new faces to help run the ONA. The people who have been working hard to keep this association going have been taking care of it for three years and we feel it is pretty self-sufficient now and a time for some new faces. So if you have some spare time to volunteer for one of the officers or a director, we need you.

It is also time to renew your memberships for the next year and if you haven't joined the ONA yet, now is the time to do so. We need to know that all our hard work is appreciated and the way you can let us know is by joining the association and supporting us in any way you can.

We have some great people who take care of the Environmental Committee and who have worked very hard to get the sprinkler systems working properly and repaired in a timely manner. They also take charge of the maintenance agreement to keep all the nine entryways looking great.

We have a great lady who has served as the vice-president last year and as president this year. She also is responsible for putting the Oakridge News together each month which is no small job. Without Mrs. Schmerheim organizing the articles submitted to her each month, there wouldn't be a newsletter.

Then there is the Crime Watch Committee which does quite a bit of work and devotes a lot of time to help get these newsletters out each month. One person separates all the newsletters by streets, counting out the correct number of homes on each street. This person then takes all these 1130 newsletters and delivers them to the block captains who are willing to distribute them on their street. This process takes approximately 3-1/2 to 4 hours.

The ONA feels the newsletter is our main source of communication and that it needs to be delivered each month. Sometimes we often wonder how many people out of these 1130 homes care about receiving this monthly newsletter. When we only have 350 members to show their support we can't help but think only about 31% really do. Keep in mind it is only \$25.00 a year (which is \$2.08 a month). Please show your support by joining or renewing your membership before June 1st to help us get a good start on the 4th year of the ONA.

When we named the Oakridge Neighborhood Association, we decided on "neighborhood" versus "homeowners" so we would not exclude any residents who rent in Oakridge. We felt "neighborhood" gave our association a little more of a welcome appeal. So if you do happen to rent, you are more than welcome to join the association.

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Oakridge Neighborhood Association Important Meeting May 18

ELECTIONS:

The nominating committee consisting of Clara Mae and Marcus Meurer, Pam Harbach, Luanne Payne and Sue Hageland need your help in getting a slate of officers for the next year.

Nominees are needed for President, V. President, Secretary, Treasure, Director District No.2 and District No.4.

Please volunteer or nominate someone by calling the hotline 220-2286.

BYLAWS:

We will be voting on the changes to the bylaws approved by the board. Copies of the changes to the bylaws will be available at the meeting.

BUDGET:

The board will present the budget approved by the board for the 1995 operating year

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*Spring Spruce-up
From Susan Sanchez,
Decorating Den*

The most wonderful time of the year is Spring. For most of us it means shaking off the winter doldrums and sprucing up our homes. In addition to spring cleaning, look at your home with a decorator's eye to give it a fresh new look.

First of all, try not to think of it as spring cleaning, but rather "spring decorating". As you are cleaning the house from top to bottom, make a list of each room. On that list draw a line down the middle of the page. On the left hand side write the heading, "What I like about this room," and on the right, "What I don't like about this room. This is a great way to start a successful interior decorating project.

For our first example, we'll start with a children's play room. That disaster corner of toys might need organization. Perhaps that could go on your "Don't like" list. Now you discover a milk stain on the sofa. You get the cleaner out and it comes right up because of that wonderful stain resistant fabric. The sofa goes on the "Do like" list! You also decide you like the window treatments, but the carpet is getting a little worn. Later, when evaluating your list, the suggestions for the play room are crystal clear. You need a clever shelving unit or chest for all those toys, as well as new carpeting or an area rug to cover the worn spots that coordinates with the sofa you plan to keep. Repeat this process with the other rooms in your home. You'll be surprised at the insight you'll have as you go through this exercise. Perhaps new wallcovering might be just the touch to breathe life into a tired old room.

In addition to what you like and don't like about each room, look at each one from the standpoint of making it appear fresher and perhaps brighter for the summer months. Take up the area rugs if you have them, and add new pillows in lighter hues to the sofa. Order slipcovers for a chair or two and recover the dining room chairs. A new table round in light hues breathes new life into any of the living areas or bedrooms of your home room.

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Next, look at your accessories. Are there any that look too heavy or dark for the summer months? Put some of them away in the attic and when you bring them back out in the fall it will be like seeing an old friend. You'll be surprised at the fresh appreciation you'll have for them after a brief hiatus. Rearrange your remaining new pieces along with greenery or fresh flowers.

Good luck and enjoy your spring spruce -up!

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Luanne Payne, Chairperson

CRIME STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1995

3 - Burglary of Habitation	Hickory Bend Laurel Oaks Dr.	Lone Oak Trail
9 - Burglary of Vehicle	Overview Big Oaks Laurel Oaks Dr. Ridge Oak Dr. Diamond Oaks	Stoneridge Bending Oaks Creighton Lone Oak Trail
1 - Theft \$750 - \$20,000	Ridge Oak Dr.	
2 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Bending Oaks	Big Oaks
1 - Theft under \$20	Peakwood	
1 - Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	Hickory Bend	
4 - Criminal Mischief	Oak Point Oak Springs	Windy Ridge Laurel Oaks Dr.

The statistics for March increased by 6 offenses. There were 15 offenses last month and a total of 21 this month. Nine of these offenses were reported during the school spring break week. It was very alarming to see there were 3 burglary of habitations, one being reported on a Friday and the other two reported on a Monday.

One positive item I would like to discuss is the ONA Hotline. Two conscientious homeowners recovered a weed-eater and two garage door openers thrown in their yards. After calling the police to report these articles, they called the hotline and left messages to inform me of this, in case I knew of anyone having these items stolen. The police picked these up and took them to the property room.

The hotline is becoming a very valuable asset in communicating with the homeowners. I have some new signs that have been purchased with the funds raised from the Passbook sales. The signs will be put out when there is important information that Oakridge needs to be informed of. We have also had

several calls on lost or found pets and have been fortunate in locating the owners. The ONA also has a Pet Register which is becoming a very valuable tool. If you do not have your pet registered, you should do it today. Call the hotline, 220-2286, and leave your name and number and someone will call you back to get the information.

I would also like to thank each of you who attended the March 30th ONA meeting. Police Chief Wilson gave us all an inside peek at what his plans are for combating crime in Garland. He has lived in Garland for most of his life and thinks Garland is a great place to live and work. He is very proud to be our Chief of Police and I am sure we will see many improvements in the crime rates. There were two other officers present, Lt. Jim Holmes who is in charge of the evening shift of the North Sector and Officer Michael May who is on evening patrols in our area. I was proud to see such a great turn out for this meeting as you represented how strong the Oakridge Crime Watch is.



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WHERE IS THE REAL ESTATE MARKET HEADED?

Yes, the market has been slower the first quarter. At this time last year interest rates were 6.5 % to 7.0 %. Coupled with the over abundance of new construction, the scenario for owners trying to sell is one of extreme competition.

A buyer will always buy a pre-owned home over new construction if that home is updated and saves them money. Buying new construction will cost in landscape, window treatments and other need to do items. If you are planning on selling your home, take time to paint, update papers and flooring. Check and see if there is a better way to place furniture. How dated is your house?

Plan to do something to update your home on a yearly basis. Some couples use their anniversary as a reminder to work on their homes. This makes it easier both financially and getting ready to sell your home if you get transferred or you just decide to move.

You forget that smoking and pet odors bed themselves into your carpet and surroundings. Cleaning does not always get rid of these odors. The market is starting to pick up and the Spring and Summer market should be fairly strong.

Peggy Richey Keller-Williams 732-6000

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Junior forgot he needs brownies for the bake sale!
You're already late for work!

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Hubby needs a ride to the airport!
You have a PTA meeting!

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- * Taking kids to soccer, ortho, etc.
- * Emergency childcare
- * Shopping
- * Planning birthday parties
- * Tutoring (elementary grades)
- * Etc., Etc.

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The chart below shows the membership in the ONA. As you can see **we need more members**. Ask your neighbors to join!!!

	No. of Homes	No. of Memb.	
BEAVER RUN	5	0	0%
BENDING OAKS	27	11	41%
BIG OAKS	148	43	29%
CREIGHTON	18	7	39%
CRESTEDGE	13	3	23%
DIAMOND OAKS	68	31	46%
FULTON	29	9	31%
GOLDEN OAKS	23	12	52%
GRAND OAK	23	4	17%
GREENVIEW CIR.	4	2	50%
GREENVIEW DR.	27	7	26%
HEARTHSIDE LN	34	9	26%
HICKORY BEND	62	23	37%
LAUREL OAKS DRIVE	57	25	44%
LAUREL OAKS CT.	22	5	23%
LONE OAK	18	8	44%
MEADOWRIDGE	29	5	17%
MOSS TRAIL	16	4	25%
OAK POINT	59	19	32%
OAK SPRINGS	26	9	35%
OVERVIEW	50	15	30%
PEAKWOOD	30	10	33%
PEBBLESTONE	21	7	33%
PEPPERIDGE	19	6	32%
RICHLAND	22	2	9%
RICHOAK	10	2	20%
RIDGE OAK DR.	51	16	31%
RIDGE OAK CT.	8	4	50%
RIDGE OAK PL.	13	3	23%
RIDGE VIEW LN.	6	2	33%
ROCKY TRAIL	6	3	50%
ROLLING OAK	32	9	28%
SHADY OAKS CT.	11	5	45%
STONERIDGE	64	17	27%
SUNCREST	19	3	16%
WILLOW RIDGE	19	6	32%
WINDING OAK	21	6	29%
WINDY RIDGE LN.	18	9	50%
	1128	361	32%



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It's time to start planning our biggest event "THE 4th OF JULY PARADE" We need volunteers. If you would like to share in the joy and excitement of gathering together to help put together the biggest and best parade ever, please give us a call. No particular talents are needed. All ideas welcomed. No contracts to sign. Just catch the spirit!!! Then by all means, plan to decorate your BIKE, your BUGGY, or your BATHTUB and march on over.

Don't let this parade pass you by. The fun of planning and preparing for the big event adds special meaning for you and your neighbors, What an exciting community we live in!

We are also contacting merchants for donations for prizes. If you have any donations or questions please call Sharon Smith at 530-3073. An old fashioned 4th of July will be marching by soon "We want you!"

Circle these dates & Call Lisa (530-7875) to tell her whether not you're coming to any of these events or for details. It helps if you RSVP at least 2 days before the event.

April 26th- LAST WEDNESDAY HAPPY HOUR -6- 8 PM

at Oakridge Country Club, If you're 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",

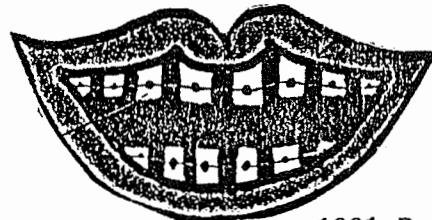
May 9th- MEETING PARADE ORGANIZATION -7 PM

Maryann Cullum will host this meeting at 2012 Overview. We will begin the preparations for the parade. The elves will be busy Cutting, painting & sign making or just join the fun with the social ones. Our next meeting June 13 will be at Oakridge Country Club.

TUPPERWARE, OUR FUN - RAISER

Call Janell Slaton (495-781.3) or any of our other members if you need to stock up on your Tupperware. Be sure to mention that you are calling for the Women's Club so we will get credit, We appreciate your support..

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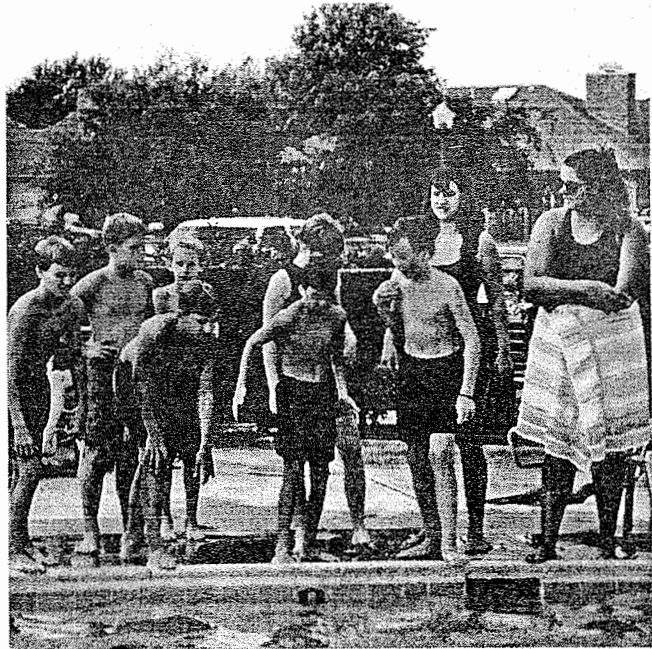
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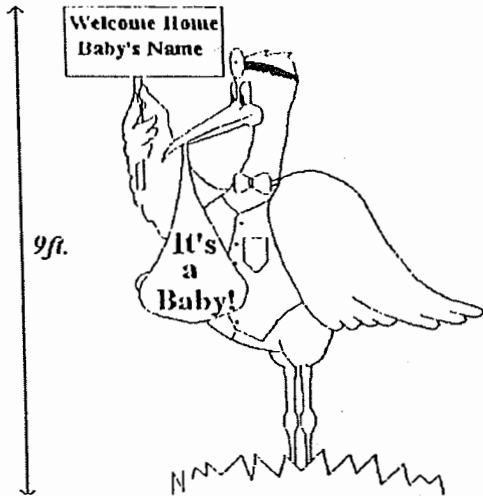
Pool Opens - May 27 with games, music, and food.

- * Kids Party's Available
- * Thunder Duck Swim Team
- * Junior Golf
- * Tennis Programs

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BEAVER RUN (5)	NEEDED	OAK POINT (59)	2713 - Stephanie Hall 2906 - Art Dietz 3026 - Vince Golbeck
BENDING OAKS (27)	3314 - Sue Cole 3222 - Sara Traylor 3202 - Hazel & Dick Toberny 3317 - Mary Fowler	OAK SPRINGS (26)	3001 - Mary Musseman
BIG OAKS (148)	2502 - Mary Macejewski 2509 - Mark Edwards 2706 - Scott Youzva 2821 - Sharon McDonald 3014 - Joan Nichols	OVERVIEW (50)	2018 - Betty Glover
CREIGHTON (18)	2517 - Elaine Centorbi 2525 - Robin Yaklin	PEAKWOOD (30)	2119 - Jack Treadway
CRESTEDGE (13)	2504 - Natalie Burgin 2522 - Lynn Hamilton	PEBBLESTONE (21)	2537 - Deborah Meals 2545 - Patricia Downing
DIAMOND OAKS (68)	2125 - Harry & Lila LaGrassa 2101 - Doris Autrey 2226 - Sharon Smith 2110 - Victoria Gobeli 2001 - Debbie Stucker	PEPPERIDGE (19)	2502 - Sandy Dean
FULTON (29)	2433 - Jake Benner	RICHLAND (22)	2625 - Nancy Hoffman
GOLDEN OAKS (23)	2405 - Bonnie Hill	RICHOAK (10)	2505 - Cathy Bailey
GRAND OAK (23)	2906 - Virbol & Ruth Bartlett 2822 - Mary Anne McFall	RIDGE OAK DR. (51)	3405 - Kim Gingerich 3202 - Ann Kennedy 3201 - Talou Miller 3229 - Donna Dayhoff
GREENVIEW CIR. (4)	2709 - Betsy Pugh	RIDGE OAK CT. (8)	2501 - Cathy Murphy
GREENVIEW DR. (27)	3310 - Kim Eubanks 3422 - Beverly Prater	RIDGE OAK PL. (13)	2601 - Cheryl Wood 2618 - June Edwards
HEARTHSIDE LN (34)	2006 - Penny Nail	RIDGE VIEW LN. (6)	NEEDED
HICKORY BEND (62)	2629 - Clara Mae Meurer 2610 - Suzanne Pelton 2814 - Clifton Boyd	ROCKY TRAIL (6)	2302 - Ron & Becky Yen
LAUREL OAKS (57)	2850 - Jo Ann Schmerheim 2730 - Bert Littlejohn	ROLLING OAK (32)	2217 - Jim Cook 2005 - Sue Hageland
LAUREL OAKS CT. (22)	3202 - John Mohrle	SHADY OAKS CT. (11)	2201 - Charles & Valerie Derryberry
LONE OAK (18)	2313 - Julie Briner 2405 - Toledo Mulder	STONERIDGE (64)	2810 - Weldon Martindale 2814 - Judy Kopczyński 2870 - Edward Carpenter
MEADOWRIDGE (29)	2625 - Katherine Rackley	SUNCREST (19)	2502 - Lisa Wilson
MOSS TRAIL (16)	2221 - Vicki Fitzgerald	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

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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

- Actively participating on a committee. Please contact me.
- Learning more about the association. Please contact me.
- Participating on a committee "as needed"
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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 _____