



Oakridge News

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GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 P.M.

AT

OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

Officer David Rogers will discuss how the Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) program works and answer any questions or concerns you may have about volunteering. I am sure this meeting will be very informative and I hope to see a lot of you there.

Luanne Payne

Crime Prevention and Safety

3RD ANNUAL O.N.A. PUMPKIN & BAKE SALE

OCTOBER 7

9:00 - 3:00



Calling all Bakers and Crafters! The ONA needs you! The 3rd Annual Pumpkin and Bake Sale is just around the corner. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 until 3:00 or until everything is gone. This is the first Saturday in October so mark your calendars now and call either the ONA Hotline, 220-2286 or Luanne Payne, 530-9323 and volunteer to bake something really scrumptious or to even work

for an hour. We need pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, cupcakes, etc. Crafters are welcome to set-up a table to sell their home-made crafts. For further information or questions you may have, call either of the above numbers. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the September 28th meeting. We did really good last year and we hope to do even better this year.

We would also welcome anyone that would

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like to organize some games or face painting for the kids and try to really make this an annual event that the ONA can bring to all the neighbors of Oakridge. All of us who work this enjoy meeting new friends and visiting with everyone. So come on over to the Country Club parking lot and **get involved!**

Environmental Committee
Ron and Pam Harbach

Behind the scenes
What has been going on at Oakridge

Entries and perimeter mowing and trimming has been a problem (as you have seen) but as I write this letter our contractor is back on a regular schedule per our phone conversation this morning. Marcos does appreciate your patience.

We have been working on Code/Deed Restrictions. Violations such as fences, boats, and mowing along the creek at Beltline (which I called on again this morning).

We also need your help on the "Ugly Green Garbage Cans". The city of Garland requires these not to be visible from the street except on days of pick up. Your neighbors are complaining about leaving the garbage can out behind a bush or by the garage. Put the garbage can in your fenced back yard or in your garage.

When you phone in, especially to the hot line, leave your name and phone number so I can call you back. You need to know what can or cannot be done regarding your concern.

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Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne

CRIME STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1995:

1 - Burglary of Habitation	Laurel Oaks Dr.
8 - Burglary of Vehicle	Big Oaks (2) Greenview Dr. Richland (2) Diamond Oaks Crestedge Stoneridge
1 - Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	Rolling Oak
1 - Theft \$200 - \$750	Lone Oak
2 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Richland Hickory Bend
6 - Criminal Mischief	Laurel Oaks Dr. (2) Diamond Oaks Greenview Dr. Golden Oaks Big Oaks
2 - O.N.A. Meeting Signs	Ridge Oak Dr. Greenview Dr.

The statistics for August increased by a total of 7 offenses from the previous month of July, which was 12. This is not good and many of these took place prior to the first day of the school year (Aug. 14th). I am hoping when I get enough volunteers for the C.O.P. program, that the number of vehicle burglaries and criminal mischief reports will diminish. You will note that 2 of the new ONA Membership Meeting signs were taken on Tuesday, Aug. 29th the date of the last meeting. The ONA just purchased 9 of these signs at \$40 each. The signs were finally bought after much consideration of the cost, but it was felt the ONA needed some signs that were easier to handle, nicer to look at and more convenient to post the time, date, and topics of the meetings. The signs are placed out 2 days prior to the meetings and picked up the night of the meetings by only one person. If you know anything about the signs please call the ONA Hotline (220-2286) and leave a message. You may remain anonymous.

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More Rash Statements
by Jack Rash

Being loaded for bear, and even taking a shot at one, doesn't necessarily mean you'll always kill the beast. Case in point: Last month, we were prepared to do battle with a Bingo Parlor that wanted to build its den within 2 miles of our neighborhood. A brandishing of public disdain was sufficient (in Garland at least) to send the Parlor Barons off to another part of the woods. Unfortunately, our neighbors to the west seem to hold such gaming dens in high regard, because they've granted a license for one within a few hundred yards of our little enclave of Oakridge!

Several weeks ago, we had heard rumors that a Bingo Parlor was going in to the abandoned Miller's Outpost building near the intersection of Jupiter and Belt Line Roads. We called the City of Richardson and asked, "Is a Bingo Parlor going in the old Miller's Outpost Building?" We were told, and I quote: "No. There has been no building permit issued for that site." I left my name, phone number, and address and asked that I be notified when a permit is issued for that site.

Now maybe the City of Richardson is not obligated to notify a citizen of another municipality of anything that is going on within its borders. Maybe Richardson's city employees are not obligated to tell the whole truth, either. Whatever the situation over there, the fact remains that we will now have to live with a Bingo Parlor at our front door. Thank you very much Richardson!

Makes one wonder if, when Richardson Square Mall finally succumbs, the forward-thinking leaders of that city might not put a maximum security prison or a garbage collection site there.

If you were at the neighborhood meeting August 29, or read your *Oakridge News* last month, then you know Brookshire Grocery Co. is seeking a zoning change for the vacant land north of WalMart to build a Super One Food Store. At that August meeting, about 100 of your neighbors heard of Brookshire's plans, and voiced their opinions.

The consensus seems to have been that if Brookshire's toned down the exterior of their Super Onestore— from stark white painted cinder blocks and garish bright yellow and green to brick veneer and a little more subtle colors— then we could live with it.

I'm not so sure I can go along with the consensus. Why do we need another discount retailer in the same city block with Oakridge, or even across the street for that matter?

Just when we are about to get rid of the godfather of discounters (Wal-Mart) another one wants to move in to a neighborhood that does NOT fit the profile of the typical, bag-it-yourself SuperOne customer! If we are not the target audience, why do we have to have this facility in our backyard?

The City Council is supposed to take up this zoning change request September 19. It is then that Brookshire's will tell us if they will alter the exterior to better blend with the appearance, if not the marketing profile, of the neighborhood in which they want to reside.

Incidentally, the property presently is zoned for multi-family housing (apartments). And if it weren't a classic case of cutting one's nose off to spite one's face, I'd say put a maximum security prison or a garbage collection site there and see how the City of Richardson likes it!

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**GENERAL
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28
7:30 P.M.
AT
OAKRIDGE
COUNTRY CLUB**

"I Really Need a Night Out..."

If you have ever said these words to yourself or your husband, then you should join the Oakridge Women's Club! We've planned a terrific fall chocked full of fun for you and your family. Why don't you give yourself a night out to have fun and meet your neighbors? Take a look at what we have for you...

On MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 at 7 p. m. we'll be relaxing at our Wine & Cheese Party at the home of Kay Hackler. Kay's home is at 2809 Stoneridge Drive. This will be a FUN night where we'll be welcoming everyone who is interested in finding out more about the OWC. If you'd like to attend, please call Kay at 495- 4879.

At this meeting, we'll also be making plans for our ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY, which will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 11 a.m. This party is for families of members only, so sign up in time for your children to be a part of the fun. The more, the merrier!

If you have any questions about the Oakridge Women's Club, please call our membership chairman, Wanda Mason at 495- 3017.

We hope to see you this fall!



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Oakridge Neighbors

Profile in Courage Portrait of a President

Excitement abounds for Oakridge residents Jon, Diana and Andrew Berry. Jon Berry's father and wife Jessie, have made their annual visit from England. 1995 will be a year the Berrys' will remember. Mr. John Berry (Sr.) has made one big splash locally, statewide and even nationally. John Berry, is an accomplished artist in England, most famous for his portraiture for many years of the Royal Family of England. John also had the pleasure of meeting and painting Sir Winston Churchill twice. Commercially, his most recognized work is his creation of the original Esso Tigers (Exxon in U.S.). In the last few years John has focused painting subject matter related to the United States. "I just love America" says Mr. Berry.

In Fredericksburg, Texas over Labor day weekend, John unveiled a life-size portrait of former President George Bush. It depicts the former president in 1944 as a 19 yr. old naval aviator on the deck of the USS San Jacinto with an Avenger aircraft in the background. It was presented in conjunction with V+50 World War II Victory Celebration and Parade. It was commissioned by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. The painting, towering over 9 ft. when unveiled was in the presence of the Former President and First Lady, his son the Governor, a representative of every president since Eisenhower, scores of Generals, Admirals, Ft. Worth mogul Peny Bass, author James Michener and Hollywood celebrities alike. "I was frightened stiff. This is a recent leader of the most powerful nation of the free world" Mr. Berry commented to some children at Walnut Glen Academy where he made a guest demonstration some days later. Fortunately, the unveiling in Fredericksburg was a smashing success as a thunderous applause erupted when the veil came down and an even bigger applause as Mr. Berry was introduced. The painting is temporarily housed in the Grand Ballroom of the Admiral Nimitz Museum and will ultimately occupy a central position in the foyer of the George Bush Gallery of the Pacific War, a multimillion dollar expansion to the museum.

Almost eight years old, Andrew Berry is most proud of his Grandpa for Andrews' name appearing on the front page of the Garland News on Sunday September 10th, he also admits to thinking it's cool to have a famous Grandpa who sure knows how to draw and paint. Jon Berry, the artist son has expressed that growing up with his dad painting, he took his work for granted, and now has a much deeper appreciation and admiration. Diana Berry is the artists manager and remains in awe of such a talent. "My job includes many marketing and management duties, it keeps me very busy, but how can I go wrong with such talent" says Diana. Since 1990 John has dedicated much his time painting and honoring the Native American culture and history.

John and Jessie Berry came to Garland partly to be on vacation. Mr. Berry spent most of his time, going to a variety of schools demonstrating his technique and inspiring budding artist in the DFW area. Those school presentations set off multiple press and television inquiries, so more time was dedicated to responding to the media. Some vacation.

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Crime Watch will be taking last minute orders at the ONA meeting of September 28th if you want to order early. Once the pre-sale is over, I will have the books available to sell through the first of the year.

The money that is earned on the Passbooks goes into the Crime Watch fund and that money will be used to furnish equipment for the C.O.P. program once it is put together. If you want to order a book now or in the next few months, you may call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 220-2286. Thank you again for all your support.

**MISSING
ONA MEMBERSHIP
MEETING SIGNS**

Two of the new ONA membership meeting signs have disappeared. They vanished on the night of the last meeting which was August 29th. The ONA purchased 9 of the new signs at \$40 each and this was the first time they were used. The 2 signs that disappeared were at the entry of Ridge Oak Drive and Jupiter and the other was at the entry of Greenview Drive and Jupiter. These signs were bought for many reasons, one being easier to handle and nicer to look at. Also, more convenient to post the time, date and topics of the meetings. There are 9 entryways in Oakridge and now we only have 7 of these new signs left. The old signs are very heavy and cumbersome and unsightly. One person is in charge of putting the signs out and picking them up. If you know anything about the disappearance of the signs, please call the ONA Hotline, 220-2286. You may remain anonymous.



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First Name _____

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