



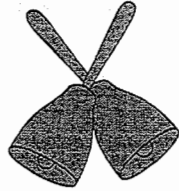
Oakridge News

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HEAR YE !!



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The holidays are approaching and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association Holiday Committee has spent considerable time putting together a plan to decorate the nine entries of Oakridge and the poles along the bridge on Diamond Oaks. The big day for installing these holiday decorations is December 2nd. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with this project. We will be meeting in the Oakridge Country Club parking lot in the corner at Big Oaks and Diamond Oaks at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday December 2nd. Wreaths and garland bows, candy canes, necessary hardware and tools to do the job. It is the committees plan to give our neighborhood a festive flair.

If for any reason there is a change in the meeting time, this information will be on the hot line 220-2286

This is your Oakridge Neighborhood Association at work for ALL residents of Oakridge. For those who have not joined the association please consider doing so now. Your monetary contribution (dues) will be appreciated.

Many Thanks to the hard working volunteers on this project:

- Virbol Bartlett
- Lila and Harry La Grassa
- Mary and Bob and Miranda Musseman
- Luanne and Vance and Ross Payne
- Jo Ann and Wally Schmerheim

See you on Dec. 2nd

- Bonnie Fisk
- Chairperson



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**SANTA TO VISIT
OAKRIDGE DECEMBER 9!!**

That's right. Santa Claus himself will be attending the Oakridge Women's Club Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9. Watch for his sleigh to arrive at 2806 Oak Point (the home of Pam Trutna) at 11:00 a.m.. We will have singing and goodies for all the children of our member. Be sure to bring a gift with your child's name on it for the party (arrangements to drop presents off early can be made with Pam). It's not too late for you to get in on the fun, so call Pam at 414-5633 for more information on joining the Crisis Pregnancy Center, our Christmas philanthropy. All type of baby items, such as clothes, diapers, furniture, or blankets will be appreciated. If you would like to donate any items, but cannot attend the party, please call Toni Chandler at 496-0464.

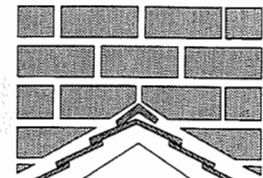
Christmas isn't just for the little ones, so we've planned a special Christmas Dinner and Party for the adults! The celebration will take place Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m.. The cost of the meal is \$16.50 with a cash bar available. We will also be playing cards, so bring your dollar bills. To reserve a space for you and your "date" by December 1, please call Wanda Mason at 495-3017.

Our January meeting will give us a chance to "wind down" after the holidays are over! Join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at J. Pepe's (Jupiter and Beltline) for a Happy Hours meeting! We will be discussing upcoming events including our February meeting (one you will not want to miss!).

A special thanks to those who did their Christmas Shopping at our Shopper's Paradise Night! It was a lot of fun and we all found something for under the tree!!

The members of the Oakridge Women's Club would to take this opportunity to wish every family in Oakridge the best of the holiday season and may the true meaning of family be a blessing to you at this busy time of year.

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Q. My husband and I are planning to re-roof our home with fireproof composition shingles. Can this type of shingle be installed directly over our wood shake roof or will the old shakes need to be removed first?

A. Cedar shingles are often confused with cedar shakes. There is a difference. Cedar shingles (wood shingles) are smooth sawn, thinner and have a tailored appearance. If you have cedar shingles, you can, indeed, nail directly over the existing roof, provided the shingles are not too old and brittle. To "tear off and deck"

is the "better way" and will give you a more exacting appearance. However, a "nail over" can also result in a nice finished application at about half the cost. If you do have cedar shakes, your roof is not a good candidate for a "nail over" application. Because of their thickness (1/2" at the butt end) and rough split face, a "nail over" would have a bumpy and unfinished appearance if they were installed directly over cedar shakes. Your shake roof should be removed and then a 1/2" plywood deck installed over your existing 1 x 4 lathe, prior to installing the new composition shingles.

To Ask Dr. Roof - send your questions to Dan Worstell, c/o Pyramid Roofing 3737 Dividend Dr. Garland, TX 75042



Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne

CRIME STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 1995

3 - Burglary of Habitation	Golden Oaks Willow Ridge Ridge View Lane
1 - Theft of \$200 - \$750	Hearthside
1 - Theft of \$20 - \$200	Winding Oak
4 - Criminal Mischief	Ridge View Lane Lone Oak Ridge Oak Big Oaks

The statistics increased from a total of 3 offenses reported in September to a total of 10 reports for October. Looking back at the offenses reported in October 1994, there was a total of 19, and 8 of these were Criminal Mischief. So there was a slight improvement from last year at this time. If I remember correctly, all of our pumpkins that we had on our porches got stolen and busted. I guess we were smarter this year since I saw very few pumpkins busted. There was a report made to the Hotline about a scarecrow that was thrown in a yard and a message went out to locate the owner. Fortunately, the owner was driving by and saw the scarecrow waiting to be found.

During the busy holiday season, please be more alert to suspicious activity and let your neighbor know if you are going out of town. Leave a contact number and a key to your house with someone you trust in case of emergencies, such as broken sprinklers or house alarms going off.

Here are a few simple precautions you can apply during the busy shopping season and everyday.

1. Make sure you have your keys in your hand before you get to your car, so you are not vulnerable to someone lurking around waiting for an easy target.
2. Lock your car doors after you get in. I have made this a habit just as wearing a seat belt is.
3. Ladies, if you carry a purse, DON'T leave it unattended in a shopping cart for even one minute. It will be gone in flash. I speak from experience on this one.
4. Keep your purse in front of you if possible so it can't be ripped from your arm.

5. Don't carry a lot of cash with you and carry only one or two credit cards if you are going on a marathon shopping trip.

These are just a few helpful hints that you can use at anytime but especially during the busy holidays. I hope everyone will have a pleasant and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Luanne Payne
ONA Crime Watch Co-ordinator

1996 PASSBOOKS

I hope everyone who purchased a 1996 Passbook during the pre-sale campaign is already enjoying the benefits from it. I still have several books available at \$30.00 for anyone who would like to purchase one for a relative or employee for a Christmas gift or maybe you just didn't want to order one early and have decided to buy one now. Just call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline, 220-2286.





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SELLING IN THE WINTER OR DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Most of the public feels that selling during the Winter or holidays like Thanksgiving or Christmas is not productive. If you are planning to put your home on the market you may want to consider the two major points in favor of selling during these times.

There is less competition for housing because a lot of individuals take their homes off the market for the holidays and during the winter. At the same time there is the argument that there are less buyers looking for the same reason. The point is that those buyers looking on a cold day or during a rain storm are serious buyers and have the need to find housing because they have sold their home, are being transferred or want to move before the holiday and celebrate in their new home. These buyers are strong contenders to write an offer and do not waste time and take 3-4 weeks to make up their minds moving only when they find the "perfect" home because there is no immediate need.

The second point is that if your home presents itself well with decorations, or a fire in the fireplace, it gives the buyer a homey feeling which is attractive and can result in an offer. It has the same effect when looking at a pool in the summertime when it is 100 degrees outside.

This does not mean that you will get more money for your home and it still needs to be priced right, but the old adage that "Nothing Sells after the Spring and Summer" is false. Many sellers feel that there are less buyers looking because there are less showings in the evening. Remember that when the time changes and it is dark at 5:30 p.m., buyers cannot see homes and are less likely to look until the weekend if they work during the day.

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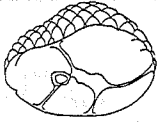
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Once again and for the 4th year in a row, the ONA and any neighbors who would like to help say thank you to the Garland Police Department and Fire Station No. 3 by helping to put together Christmas dinner may contact Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline, 220-2286.

As in the past, the Oakridge Country Club is donating two complete turkey dinners and Albertsons will also be donating a ham and a fruit or vegetable platter. So that leaves salads, side dishes, breads and desserts that the residents of Oakridge can donate. If you are going out of town and would still like to contribute, cash donations will be used for paper products and utensils.

These dinners will be delivered on Christmas Day. The delivery to the Fire Station is made by 11:00 and to the Police Station by 1:30. Last year we had several warm bodies to help take all this great food to each place and believe me, these hard working and dedicated employees of the City of Garland appreciate and enjoy everything that is delivered. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated.



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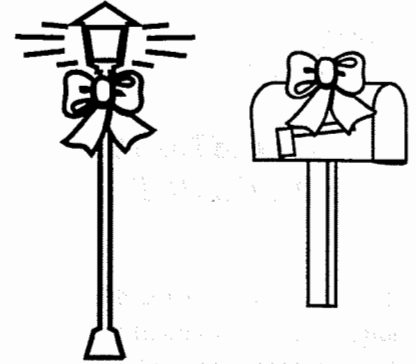


Yes that's right! This neighborhood has gone to the dogs! It seems like almost every household in Oakridge has at least one dog. We seem to enjoy our pets. For the most part they are well fed and cared for. We don't all have them registered with the ONA pet register. It is something I have been meaning to do, but just haven't gotten around to it! Why don't we at least have collars with tags on them to show where they belong? They are house dogs and NEVER get out. WRONG! They do get out. In the last three weeks we have had three strays show up around our house - three that we and our neighbors have taken in. NONE of these dogs had collars on them. Our dogs get out on a regular basis.. They have a fenced backyard and some how manage to escape. They are always returned to us because they have collars with tags on there with the dogs name our name address and phone number. These collars don't have to be tight or heavy or expensive. You can buy both collars and tags at any pet store or your Vet's office for under \$10.00.

This is for your benefit as well as your dog. The first dog we found the owner while we were putting up the signs - we were lucky! The next two dogs were traveling together and after we had the signs up for 5 days, we were forced to call the Garland Animal Control, where they may possibly put to sleep. We had tried to find not only the owners, but some place to take the dogs where they would have a good home. Maybe someone might have put a collar on them and a tag that let everyone know this dog belonged to someone who cared. To lose a pet is heart breaking, but to lose one because you didn't take time to put a collar with tags on it, is careless.

Dogs adjust to new environment a lot easier than you can adjust to having lost a pet that you loved and cared for. If the dog is sick, or has not had all its shots, or requires some special food or treatment, these are all things that take time for someone else to learn and in the meantime, painful for your pet to have to go through until they learn. It may even cost the animal it's life in the process. So if you care enough to have a pet, take time to put a collar and tags on it!! Then when the little escape artist gets out - you'll get your furry friend back, in a timely manner, without searching the neighborhood for days!!

Jackie Griffin
2409 Lone Oak Trail



Decorate Oakridge

It's that time of year again!!
Let's make Oakridge a festive looking neighborhood by decorating our mail boxes and light poles.

HOLIDAY GIFT LIST

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C.O.P.

Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) program. I am pleased to report 11 dedicated neighbors have completed the 8 hour course. This was a very interesting and informative training program and I think I can speak for all 11 of us, that we are anxious to get this patrol into action. We are just waiting for the equipment and then we will organize the schedule for patrolling. There are 10 more volunteers on the list for the next class which will be sometime in January or February. As soon as I am informed of the dates I will be contacting you. If there is anyone who would be interested in taking the course and volunteering a couple hours a week, please contact me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or you can leave a message on the ONA Hotline, 220-2286.

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BIG OAKS (148)	2502 - Mary Macejewski 2509 - Mark Edwards 2706 - Scott Youzva 3010 - Kathy Cypert 3014 - Joan Nichols 3032 - Trisha Klimko	OVERVIEW (50)	2018 - Betty Glover 2107 - Pam Lowry 2109 - June Phipps
CREIGHTON (18)	2517 - Elaine Centorbi	PEAKWOOD (30)	2119 - Jack Treadway
CRESTEDGE (13)	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 Gobel 2001 - Debbie Stucker	PEPPERIDGE (19)	2502 - Sandy Dean
FULTON (29)	2433 - Jake Benner 2405 - Chris Orth	RICHLAND (22)	2625 - Nancy Hoffman
GOLDEN OAKS (23)	2405 - Bonnie Hill	RICHOAK (10)	2505 - Kathleen 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 3425 - Annette Dzanski	RIDGE OAK PL. (13)	2601 - Cheryl Wood 2618 - June Edwards
HEARTHSIDE LN (34)	2006 - Penny Nail 2107 - Madalina Watkins	RIDGE VIEW LN. (6)	2706 - Kelly Doran
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 2221 - Karen Hearn
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 Kopczynski
MEADOWRIDGE (29)	2522 - Velva Crawford 2625 - Katherine Rackley	SUNCREST (19)	2605 - Kay Yates
MOSS TRAIL (16)	2221 - Vicki Fitzgerald	WILLOW RIDGE (19)	2813 - Luanne Payne 2902 - Karen Sullivan
		WINDING OAK (21)	2805 - John Sholden 2813 - Vance & Elena Smith
		WINDY RIDGE LN. (18)	2113 - Jack Rash 2114 - Ken Davey 2117 - Paul Muller

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.