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President's Message:

Happy New Year to everyone and let's hope that in 1996 the ONA will grow even bigger.

I would like to thank Bonnie Fisk and her Christmas decorating Committee for the decorations at our entry ways. They looked great!!!

Also thanks to all and especially Luanne Payne And family, who donated food, money and helped deliver the Christmas dinner to the Garland Police Department and Fire Station No3 at Bobbie Lane. I know they all appreciated it.

For those who supported our fund raiser with the poinsettias, wreaths and garlands, thank you for helping the ONA raise money.

A special thank you to Mary Musseman for her work on the fund raiser.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year at the February General Meeting.

Donna Dayhoff

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1996

7:30 P.M.

OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

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Oakridge Women's Club

Calling ALL Baby-sitters!!

The Oakridge Women's Club cordially invites all interested baby-sitters and their moms to attend our "Meet the Baby-sitters" Night on Monday, February 12 at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held at the home of Sarah Traylor (3222 Bending Oaks Drive 414 -5383). We ask that the baby-sitters come prepared to fill out a questionnaire, including names and phone numbers of references. Also, you need to come hungry, as we will be serving pizza!! This will be a great time for those who have children and are new in the neighborhood to join us and meet new friends and baby-sitters, too!

March meeting will be "egg-ceptionally" fun as we gather to discuss plans for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Oakridge Country Club. The children love this event so much we know you will want your children to be a part of it, too.

"What is this club, anyway?" Do you ask yourself this question when you read this article every month? Let us tell about the Oakridge Women's Club! We are a group of neighborhood women (just like you). Some of us work outside the home and some of us work in the home (just like you). We plan fun activities for our families and our children (just like you). We also love to have fun with, "just the girls" (just like you). Basically, we are just like you!! We believe in the strength of community and the importance of family, and we develop activities to enhance both of these aspects of our lives. If you share this feeling, please come to one of our meetings!! We would love to meet you!!

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Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne

CRIME STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 1995:

3 - Thefts \$200 - \$750	Oak Springs Richland Big Oaks
3 - Criminal Mischief	Pepperidge Golden Oaks Shady Oaks

The statistics for November decreased by 3 offenses from the month of October. In October there were 3 habitation burglaries and none reported in November.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 1995:

2 - Burglary of Habitation	Diamond Oaks Rolling Oak
1 - Theft Under \$20	Big Oaks
1 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Big Oaks
3 - Criminal Mischief	Fulton Big Oaks Rolling Oak

The statistics for December increased by only 1 report from the previous month of November. I was very pleased to get this report in comparison to last year's report at this time. In November of '94 there was a total of 16 reports made and in December of '94 a total of 11 reports. So from what I can see on paper, the crime rate has decreased considerably. I also noticed we had a lot more Christmas decorations than in years past and I only heard of a few incidents of lights being cut. Then I was also told of two little furry Oakridge inhabitants that were caught chewing some light cords; namely a squirrel and a rabbit!

Although the Oakridge C.O.P. program is not officially in operation yet, I am still waiting for the equipment to arrive. I feel as though many of you are trying to be more aware of what is going on. Just try to do your part by keeping garage doors down and cars parked in garages to prevent some of the offenses that are reported.

Home Maintenance by Steve Brandt

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WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

Each year seems to go faster than the year before and with modern technology advancing at an alarming rate it is hard to stay on top of all the business changes. This is the second year in a row that I am updating my programs, with CD Rom features to use with the equipment I just purchased last year in an effort to be "state of the art". You will see tremendous changes as the Real Estate Industry goes internet, going "on line" with "homepages" and more... People will be signing on instead of tuning in. Until the Holographic Real Estate Room is created to program your dream home with the touch of a few buttons and/or the transporter beam takes you in and out of local addresses we will still be conducting the sale of properties the old fashioned way, with Realtors.

What can we look forward to in the coming year? I think interest rates will be great. They will stay between 6.5% - 7.5%. The economy and job stability is my greatest concern. I have talked to many buyers who want to move, but are unsure that they may be one of many caught in the corporate layoffs. We have a lot of excess inventory on the ground, not only pre-owned but also new construction.

If the market maintains a slower pace, the seller will react in two ways. Time on the market will increase, or prices will drop again. All we can do this first quarter is watch and wait. As a Seller, you can help yourself by having your home updated. If you have not painted in 5-6 years or your carpet is 10 years old and shows wear and tear, now may be the time to paint, carpet and wallpaper to freshen your home. Until the consumer has confidence in the economy, the housing market will remain status quo and there will not be an increase in prices.

Peggy Richey
Keller Williams Realty



Ask Dr. Roof

Q. We are having our wood roof replaced with composition shingles. Is there a rule of thumb for proper attic ventilation with this type of roof?

A. The requirements for proper attic ventilation may vary depending on existing conditions, such as exposure to the sun, shade and atmospheric humidity. The general formula is based on the length and width of the attic itself. The minimum recommendation set by the Federal Housing Authority is one square foot of free vent area for each 150 square feet of attic floor.

Proper attic ventilation will help prevent structural damage caused by moisture, increase the life of the roofing material, reduce energy consumption and enhance the comfort level of the room below the attic.

Q. Is it necessary to cover our attic vents in the winter months?

A. No, attic vents should never be covered because moisture generated inside the house rises to the attic and can cause more problems in winter than in summer. With proper insulation, the attic vents will not lower the temperature in the house.

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The Benners	The LaGrassas
The Breiners	The Ed Miles
The Dayhoffs	The Mussemans
The Fitzgeralds	The Paynes
The Gingerichs	The Rummels
The Hagelands	The Stimpsons
The Holmes/Sullivans	The Wanawichayens

A very special thank you to Albertsons and the Oakridge Country Club for their generous donations.

Luanne Payne
ONA Crime Watch

1996 PASSBOOKS

I still have several Passbooks available if you haven't purchased one yet. The books are \$30 and will be available until March 15th. If you have never bought one of these books, you owe it to yourself to check it out. The savings are great! You may call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or the ONA Hotline at 220-2286.

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ATTENTION BLOCK CAPTAINS

I want to personally thank each of you who are block captains and to let you know that I appreciate you representing your street or block and helping to deter crime in Oakridge. In talking to many of you, I feel a sense of neighborliness returning to our neighborhood. I know I have met so many nice families through my position as the Crime Watch Chairperson. This job is very important to me and I want you, as a block captain, to feel that your job is important also. With a contact person on each street, I feel as though we can cut drastically down the criminal mischief reports. The stronger the system is, the better it works for all of us.

So even if you don't hear from me every month, I definitely know you are there and I can count on you. Your help in delivering the newsletters each month is extremely helpful and very important. This newsletter is the main source of communication we have to get vital information out to each household in Oakridge. Each street (and there are 38 in Oakridge) needs more than one or two block captains. So please consider volunteering to help your street. You may contact me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 220-2286.

Luanne Payne
ONA Crime Watch

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Animal Control	205-3570
Poison Center	590-5000

General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars **NOW** for this special ONA membership meeting. The Garland Fire Department will be here to give us some helpful information on fire prevention in our homes. Also they will have an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) to give life saving tips and medical awareness information. This should be a very interesting meeting for everyone, so please try to attend. There will not be another newsletter out before the February 15th meeting but the meeting signs will be up to remind you. But before you set this newsletter aside, go mark your calendar so you can fit this important meeting into your schedules.

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

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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 3010 - Kathy Cypert 3014 - Joan Nichols 3032 - Trisha Klimko	OVERVIEW (50)	2018 - Betty Glover 2107 - Pam Lowry 2109 - June Phipps 2224 - Sandra Dinkins
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 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.