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## FIRE PREVENTION

The ONA had a very good program last Thursday, the 15th, on fire prevention. Lt. Dan Kistner, Driver Harvey Lee and Corey Bolt from Station No. 3 gave us some very helpful hints on fire prevention and first aid techniques.

Lt. Dan Kistner talked to us in detail about several ways to protect your home against fire. One of the most important ways is to make sure your smoke detectors are working properly. Test them monthly and if they require batteries, change them every six months. Another helpful idea, is to install a smoke detector in your attic. If there should be some wiring to short out and cause a spark, then the detector would alert you if a fire should ignite. If you smoke, inside or outside, make sure the cigarette is completely out. With the dry weather, a hot cigarette butt could start a grass fire very quickly.

Driver Harvey Lee explained how the 911 calls are received and how they respond to each call. Someone asked why the fire trucks come when you only need an ambulance and he explained that sometimes the ambulances need more manpower if there is a life threatening situation. If they (the fire truck) are not needed then they will leave as soon as the ambulance arrives to take over. One very helpful hint is if you severely burn your hands, legs or any part of your body, you should run tepid, not hot or cold water over the burn. Do not put butter or ointment on it as this will have to be scrubbed off at the emergency room which could cause even more damage to the skin. Mr. Lee said one thing you could use is plain, not menthol, shaving cream to cover the burn until you get to the hospital if you are away from the city, such as being at the lake or out camping. The shaving cream can be easily rinsed off after you get to a hospital.

Corey Bolt didn't get an opportunity to talk, but did answer questions after the meeting as did all of the firemen. We, the ONA, were disappointed by the small turn out for this meeting, even though it was scheduled long before the major house fire Oakridge had on the 5th of February. Fire is such a devastating loss and the ONA tries hard to schedule programs for the entire neighborhood that are informative to all families, so when we don't get a large response we often wonder if you even care that we provide these programs. If you were there, then you left with new and useful information. If you didn't make it then you missed a good one.

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**FEBRUARY 5TH - THE DAY OF THE FIRE**

So many neighbors and friends of the Ballou family stood by helplessly and watched their house burn. Everyone was so glad that no one was injured but we all want to help in some way. As concerned neighbors here in Oakridge, many of us made cash donations that was collected at the ONA meeting of February 15th. This cash donation is just a small way of saying we care.

Also, there was a pair of ladies black leather gloves found on a neighbors drive-way after everyone had left the scene of the fire. If these are your gloves, you may call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or the ONA Hotline at 220-2286 to collect these gloves.

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**Reminder !!!!**

Pet owners you are responsible for your pets . Please when you walk clean up after your pet the plastic newspaper bag makes a great pooper scooper.

If you live along the golf course or walk on the course there is a definite need for people to clean up!!!!



## Crime Prevention and Safety

Luanne Payne

### CRIME STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1996:

3 - Burglary of Vehicle	Greenview (2) Stoneridge
1 - Theft \$750 - \$20,000	Windy Ridge
3 - Theft \$20 - \$200	Golden Oaks Willow Ridge Laurel Oaks Ct.
3 - Criminal Mischief	Diamond Oaks (2) Golden Oaks

The statistics for January increased by 3 offenses from the previous month of December. Compared to this time last year, January 1995, there was a total of 18 offenses reported. There has been a steady decline in the crime rate in Oakridge each year even though some months may see an increase, we are doing something right. The C.O.P. program should be working in a few more weeks (still waiting on the equipment), and hopefully it will be in operation by spring break, which begins the week of March 11th. Just keep your eyes and ears open and report any suspicious activities going on.

There is one very serious incident I feel that needs to be shared with the neighborhood. On Tuesday, Feb. 13th, about 5:15 p.m. a resident had turned into Oakridge on Big Oaks from Shiloh. As he passed the intersection of Fulton and Big Oaks, he was shot at with a high-powered pellet gun which shattered the rear window of his car. He stopped, turned around to see where it came from but there was no one in sight. Luckily, he and his 11 month old daughter were not injured. The police feel this was an accident and whoever shot it didn't realize how dangerous this could be. It is illegal to shoot a BB or pellet gun outside the parameter of your fenced-in backyard. If you have a BB or pellet gun and children have access to it, please stress to them the importance of gun safety. This incident was very disturbing to the victim, as well as costly. I hope we will not have anymore instances such as this.

One final note about crime. GARLAND, TEXAS was ranked as the 7th safest city out of the 100 largest cities in the United States. Garland was the only large Texas city to rank in the top 10. This is due in a large part to the success of Neighborhood Crime Watch groups working with the Garland police department in helping to prevent crime before it happens. I am proud to be a part of this and hope you are too.

## Home Maintenance by Steve Brandt

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Do you have something you want to say? We would like to hear from you. If you have an opinion you want to express or maybe have some helpful advice that you want to share with the neighborhood, then drop us a line. Let us know how we, the ONA, are doing. If you have any compliments or complaints about the organization, we want to know. You hear from us each month and we would like to hear back from you. The deadline for articles in the Newsletter is the 15th of each month. You can call the ONA Hotline at 220-2286 and leave your name and number and JoAnn Schmerheim will contact you or you can mail your article to:

Oakridge Neighborhood Association  
P. O. Box 450145  
Garland, Texas 75045-0145

Hi! My name is Pam Hubbard. I'm your neighbor and a volunteer Block Leader for the City of Garland's Recycling Program. Anyone can be a Block Leader and the city welcomes your participation. You simply sign up, attend informative meetings and pass information on to your neighbors. Just to let you know a few of the things I've learned:

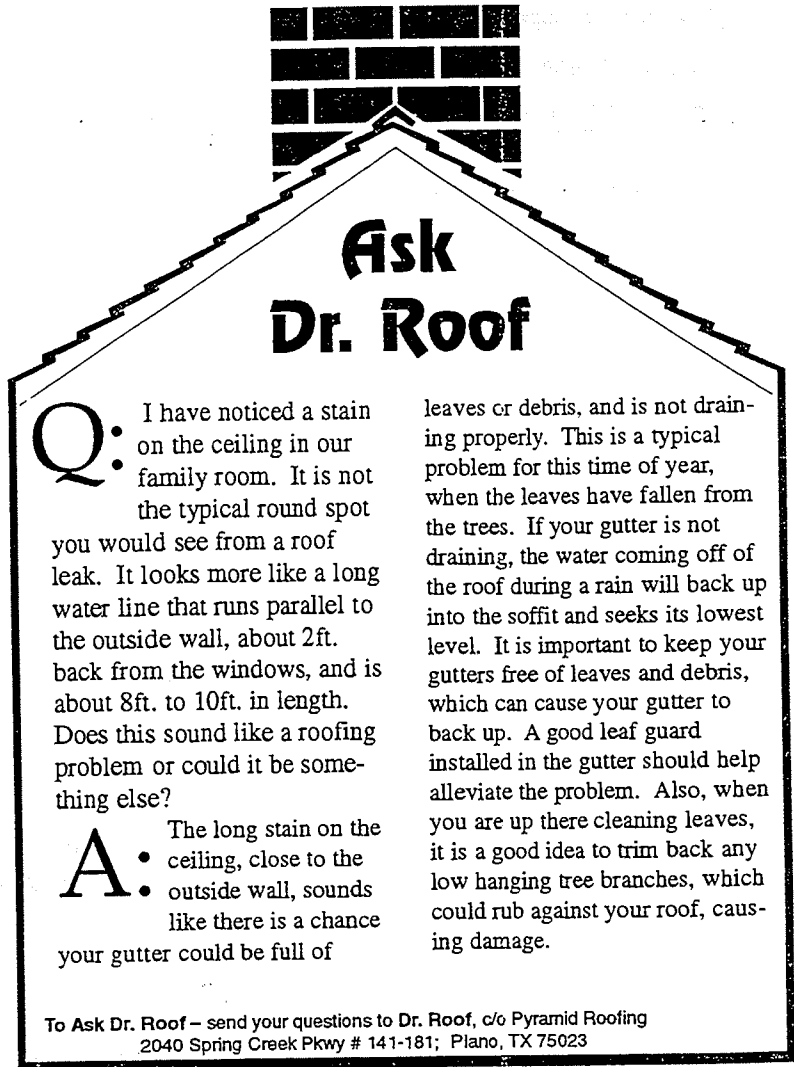
Telephone books, magazines, and advertising inserts may now be recycled with your newspapers.

The city now provides weekly brush and bulky items pickup at the front curb on regular collection day

You can make special arrangements with the Solid Waste and Recycling Services for pickup of household hazardous waste, such as motor oil and filters, paint, appliances, chemicals etc. Please do not put these items in your green trash container.

If you have questions about recycling or would like more information on the Block Leader program, please call me at 495-7318. Garland's Solid Waste and Recycling Services can also answer questions at 205-3500.

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**Ask  
Dr. Roof**

**Q:** I have noticed a stain on the ceiling in our family room. It is not the typical round spot you would see from a roof leak. It looks more like a long water line that runs parallel to the outside wall, about 2ft. back from the windows, and is about 8ft. to 10ft. in length. Does this sound like a roofing problem or could it be something else?


**A:** The long stain on the ceiling, close to the outside wall, sounds like there is a chance your gutter could be full of leaves or debris, and is not draining properly. This is a typical problem for this time of year, when the leaves have fallen from the trees. If your gutter is not draining, the water coming off of the roof during a rain will back up into the soffit and seeks its lowest level. It is important to keep your gutters free of leaves and debris, which can cause your gutter to back up. A good leaf guard installed in the gutter should help alleviate the problem. Also, when you are up there cleaning leaves, it is a good idea to trim back any low hanging tree branches, which could rub against your roof, causing damage.

To Ask Dr. Roof – send your questions to Dr. Roof, c/o Pyramid Roofing  
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## "TASTE OF GARLAND"

This annual event which is put on each year to benefit the Garland Crime Stoppers is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th. If you have been in the past then you know how great the food is and that it is worth the \$15 a ticket. All money is donated to the Garland Crime Stoppers. There are at least 20 Garland restaurants that dish up their best food and these are not bite-size samples but generous portions. You can even have seconds if you can hold it! There are door prizes, entertainment and an auction with some very nice items to bid on. So if you haven't been to one of these, you should try to make it. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 by calling 276-5713 or 205-2126 or the tickets will be \$18 at the door. You can also reserve a table for a party of 10 by calling the same number above. Sorry, there are no children or senior citizen rates, only the set price shown above.



### Oakridge Welcoming

A few weeks ago, Luanne Payne, Pam Trutna and I welcomed the Chadwells into Oakridge. This is something new the ONA and the Women's Club would like to continue. We would like to ask your support in making new people feel welcome in our neighborhood. If you know of any new family moving into Oakridge, Please contact Mary Musseman at 414-1098 or the ONA Hotline at 220-2286.

Thank You  
Mary Musseman

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if you have an interest  
in helping the ONA.

Lila Lagrassa  
Luanne Payne  
Clara Mae Meurer  
Marcus Meurer  
Jo Ann Schmerheim

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## ONA SPRING BAKE SALE & CRAFT FAIR

The ONA has decided to do away with the Fall Pumpkin & Bake Sale and try a Spring function. We want all you **BAKERS** to sign up now and let us know that you will donate baked items such as, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, breads, etc. and also if you can work for 30 minutes or more. **CRAFTERS**, if you have any great craft items you would like to sell, all you need to do is bring a table for your display and \$10 for your spot. This is a great opportunity to sell your talents.

The Oakridge Women's Club will also be on hand to organize some fun activities for the children. There will be more information on this in the next newsletter.

We, the ONA, are hoping that by moving this event to the Spring that more neighbors will come out and get involved and meet some new neighbors. We want this to be a special event and a success and with your involvement it will be. So mark your calendars now for this upcoming event.

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH  
(Rain date Saturday, April 27th)

**WHERE:** OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB  
PARKING LOT

**TIME:** 9:00 - 3:00 P.M.

**CONTACT:** LUANNE PAYNE - 530-9323  
ONA HOTLINE - 220-2286

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Emergency	1-800-817-8090
Sanitation	205-3420
Environmental Code	205-3374
Animal Control	205-3570
Poison Center	590-5000
Street Light Repair	205-3449

## Oakridge Women's Club

Welcome New OWC Members!

It's official!! "Meet the Baby-sitter Night" was a complete success! Not only did we meet the finest baby-sitters Oakridge has to offer, but we welcomed the following new members to the Oakridge Women's Club:

Mary Macejewski	Suzanne Fletcher
Drew Boyd	Tern Chadwell
Varsha Naik	Chetna Naik
Viki Scott	Kim Loseff
Debie Franke	Kathy Cypert

Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, March 12 at the Oakridge Country Club. Join us at 7 p.m. to finalize plans for our Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the home of Christy and Todd Elms. For more information please call 496-0698

## CRIME WATCH LIVE

Be sure to watch every Thursday from 7:00-7:30 p.m. on the cable, Channel 16, the Crime Watch Live program. You can call in on the talk line and ask questions to the officers hosting the show. Each week they cover a different section of Garland. This program has been a very popular communication tool between the police department and the citizens of Garland.

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### LET SUE DO IT

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don't want to go to the kennel

### LET SUE DO IT

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- \*Pet/House Sitting
- \*Errands
- \*Taking kids to soccer, ortho, etc.
- \*Emergency child care
- \*Shopping
- \*Baking/Cooking
- \*Etc., Etc.

## LET SUE DO IT

Oakridge Resident  
**Sue Hageland**  
**530-5089**

## Oakridge Crime Watch Block Captains

BEAVER RUN (5)	<b>NEEDED</b>	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 3010 - Kathy Cypert 3014 - Joan Nichols 3032 - Trisha Klimko	OVERVIEW (50)	2018 - Betty Glover 2021 - Veronica Guest 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
HEARTHESIDE 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)	2722 - Vicki & Phil Hanas 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.