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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**

**7:00 P.M. - COUNTRY CLUB**

**"JUVENILE CRIME & FAMILY VIOLENCE"  
PRESENTED BY: MR. MIKE CANTRELL**

If you have never attended an ONA General Membership meeting, you will not want to miss this one. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Mike Cantrell, Dallas County Commissioner for District 2. Mike is a graduate of SMU School of Law and has previously served 8 years as Justice of the Peace in the Garland area. He is a graduate of Dallas County Sheriff's Academy and has a Criminal Justice degree from Abilene Christian University.

The topic of Mr. Cantrell's presentation will be about juvenile crime and family violence. He will be discussing a new program concerning juvenile truancy. Also, he will discuss the protective order rapid response team that is designed for family violence situations. Both of these topics should be very informative and interesting. The ONA would like to see a great turn out for this program. Please try to attend!

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thanks to all who sent their renewal checks in. The roster is in the process of being printed. We currently have 435 members. If you would like to join, please call me at 414-1098 and I will gladly drop off a membership form. New memberships are \$27.00 at this time. Thanks again.

Mary Musseman  
Membership Committee

## Oakridge Welcome Wagon

Pam Harbach and Mary Musseman welcomed the following families into Oakridge this month

Bill and Andrea Jenkins  
Ellen Bodmer  
Pam Simmons  
Jimmy and Sheri George  
Audrey George  
Jim and Stephanie Davis  
Chet and Michelle Dormanen

If you would like to be welcomed into Oakridge with a basket of goodies and ONA information, you don't have to wait for your neighbors to call! Please call Mary Musseman at 414-1098 and I'll be happy to come and greet you!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This message is not meant for everyone. There are many of you who tirelessly give your time and cooperate with all our requests and for this we thank you very much.

This past month has been very busy for all of us working to get the ONA roster together. Many, many hours have been spent out of our busy lives to make things happen in Oakridge and sometimes we get down because it seems like some of you just simply don't care how hard we work. When we have been reminding you in the newsletter for the past four months that your renewal dues are due, mailed out renewal notices and even made numerous personal phone calls trying to keep the membership we now have, and you still can't drop your \$36 check in the mail. We have even come by to pick them up in order to get it done by the roster deadline. It is very frustrating to be such a low priority on your list when we give up our own personal and family time to make this association successful.


I, personally, spent days and hours talking to friends and members I have never met explaining everything the ONA does. I was surprised when some of you said you couldn't see what you were getting for your money. Your money goes to take care of the maintenance of the outside walls and 9 entryways. This is a very costly monthly expense and with the water bills added on, it is even more. We all live in a very nice and successful neighborhood and I would think you would like to be a part of that by being a member of the ONA. I can remember when the outside walls and entryways were not being maintained and the weeds and grass were three feet tall until the City of Garland would send someone by to mow. That was not pleasant driving into the neighborhood and seeing the outside looking like that. So a group of us decided (for the second time since Oakridge was developed) to do something about it. We formed the ONA. It took a lot of work to start it and it still takes a lot of work to keep it going.

There are many benefits to having a neighborhood association. For instance, the ONA has a very successful crime watch program, an informative newsletter, a pet register for lost and found pets, beautiful entryways, updates on surrounding developments in the north Garland area and most recently added to this, is the Welcome Wagon for new residents. Through the newsletter we have introduced many businesses belonging to Oakridge residents who provide a variety of services. Lawyers, dentists, repairmen, roofers, painters, a travel agency, cosmetics, housecleaning, pet sitting, shuttle service, alterations, tutoring and even offer a classified ads section. I know many of you feel it is not right to distribute the newsletter to the non-members and I feel the same way which is why there will be some changes made in the near future concerning this. If the non-members don't care about the general beauty of Oakridge, the low crime rate and the many benefits of the newsletter, that is their choice, but we don't have to continue distributing the newsletter to them.

The point I am trying to get across is, if you like living in a safer, more beautiful and friendlier neighborhood, then why don't you show it by joining the ONA for only \$36 per year. We, the volunteers, care enough about you and your neighborhood to try and achieve these goals. There is so much more we could do in the future, but without more membership it will never happen.

Luanne Payne

<b>Annual Expenses</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
City Of Garland	2,593.26
Dallas Legal Copies/newsletter	3,407.90
POB Rental	58.00
Landscaping Experts	12,683.92
Postage	23.82
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Lone Star Gas	800-817-8090
Sanitation	205-3420
Environmental Code	205-3374
Animal Control	205-3570
Poison Center	590-5000
Street Light Repair	205-3449
Emergency Power Outages	205-3000
ONA Hotline	967-5136

## CRIME STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1996:

1 - <u>Vehicle Burglary</u> (Purse stolen out of car parked on rear driveway about 4:00 am on a Friday)	Grand Oak
1 - <u>Vehicle Burglary</u> (Bag stolen out of car between the hours of 8:00 pm on Thurs. and 8:00 am Friday)	Rocky Trail
1 - <u>Vehicle Burglary</u> (Radio & tapes stolen out of car parked on rear driveway between the hours of 8:30 pm on Thurs. and 3:30 pm on Friday)	Moss Trail
1 - <u>Vehicle Burglary</u> (Cell phone and wallet stolen out of unlocked car between the hours of 9:00 pm on Thurs. and 7:00 am on Friday)	Golden Oaks
1 - <u>Theft \$500 - \$750</u> (Ski equipment stolen out of boat parked in rear between 10:00 pm on a Thurs. and 6:30 am on Friday)	Stoneridge
2 - <u>Theft \$50 - \$500</u> (Purse stolen between 8:30 am and 9:30 am and 35mm Camera stolen between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Both offenses occurred on a Sat. while having a garage sale.)	Rolling Oaks
1 - <u>Criminal Mischief</u> (Car and fence were spray painted with bad language between 4:00 pm on a Sun. and 6:00 am on Monday)	Lone Oak
1 - <u>Criminal Mischief</u> (Brick was thrown thru window between the hours of 9:00 pm and 11:00 pm on a Wed.)	Overview Lane
1 - <u>Criminal Mischief</u> (Mailbox was damaged between the hours of 10:00 pm on a Thurs. and 6:30 am on Friday)	Stoneridge

no burglary of habitations. This is good because it shows that keeping the garage doors closed at all times will prevent this kind of offense.

The four vehicle burglaries occurred on the same night which indicates Oakridge probably had some unwanted people driving down our alleys and streets looking for easy targets. If you leave valuables in your car, don't leave them where they can be seen because this is just a temptation that some can't resist. It also happens so quickly that they know they will not get caught.

The two thefts that occurred at the same address during a garage sale indicates you should make sure you have other people to keep watch of what is going on and try not to get distracted. Also, put away any valuables that you do not wish to sell. Put sheets over your personal items in the garage so you are not displaying your valuables.

The Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) will soon be in operation and we hope that when we are visible in the neighborhood this will send a message to our unwanted guests that we mean business and they can go elsewhere. We need more volunteers to take the course when the next one is available. I still have a list that didn't get to take the first course and when I am notified of the next schedule, I will contact those people but would like to have more volunteers. Please call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline 967-5136 for further information.

The statistics for the month of August were up by 3 reports from the previous month of July. Once again (two months in a row), there were

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### CODE VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENTS:

There have been several vacant houses where the yards have not been mowed and have become very unsightly. When driving or walking through the neighborhood make a note of the address and call code enforcements. Anyone can call and report these yards, fences that are broken down and need to be repaired or junked vehicles that are on a driveway. Simply call code enforcements at 205-3321 and they will notify the owner of the property who will have 10 days to take care of the problem. If it isn't taken care of after the 10 day period, the owner will be fined. If they city cannot locate the owner after the 10 days, the city will mow the property within 7 to 10 days. So if some of you are wondering about these yards and why it takes so long, this is why. If there is a junked vehicle parked on the street, you can call the police non-emergency number at 205-2150 and the police will mark the car and have it towed. This is just another way the ONA is trying to help your neighborhood.

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Even though the pre-sale is over, the books are in and at my house to be purchased anytime through January. So if you weren't able to place an order early you can still get a book anytime at your convenience. Just call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 and I will make arrangements to get the book to you.

The books will also be available the night of the ONA General Membership meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Country Club. Remember the books are only \$30.00 and you get a great return on your investment.

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## ATTENTION\*\*\*\*ATTENTION

The company who has been carrying the ONA Hotline number is no longer providing this service. Hawk Electronics has been kind enough to take over all the crime watch voice mail numbers in the metroplex. To do this though, they will have to change everyone's voice mail number. The old number, 220-2286 will be in effect maybe for another month. The new ONA Hotline number will be, 967-5136 and should be in effect within the next two weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have to do this to be able to keep in touch with you and you in touch with us. So make a note of the new number now.

**NEW ONA HOTLINE # - 967-5136**

### GARAGE SALES:

There are some who like to have garage sales and then there are those that detest them. It would be courteous when you decide to have a garage sale to tell your neighbors. If they want to have one also, then you could do it all at one time. You cost split the cost of advertising, too. It would also be nice to be able to have only one day out of the month to have this, such as the last Saturday of the month. We need to limit the flow of outside traffic in our neighborhood and this is one way to do it. If you put up signs, be sure to take them all down. If you have it in a rear garage, make sure your customers don't block the alley preventing your neighbors access in or out of their drive-way.

This is a concern that has been voiced by numerous neighbors. Just think about it, if you have a sale one Saturday then your neighbor has one the next and so on, we are getting the same group of people traveling into Oakridge. You will notice on the crime statistics that a purse and a 35mm camera were stolen from someone who was having a garage sale. If they will steal from you while you are having a garage sale, they may think about returning later to see what else you have. So be considerate of your neighbors and put yourself in their place.

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## **Festivities Abound at Oakridge Country Club!!**

Oakridge Country Club is the “Club for All Seasons” and this Fall they have a lot of exciting activities planned, including:

A Monthly Wine Society...Haunted House for the Kids...Oktoberfest...Adult Halloween Party...Greenskeeper Revenge Golf Tournament...Breakfast with Santa...Country Western Dance Lessons...Friday Special Dinner Night...and Much More!!

To find out more about what is happening at your neighborhood Country Club, Oakridge, feel free to contact Pam at 530-8008.

## **ONA FUNDRAISER**

As we all know ONA's ongoing programs to promote beauty, safety and stability to the area and surrounding community require funds. As ONA members, Bobby and Teresa Cave of **Take Time To Travel and Tour** announce a fundraiser that will benefit ONA and costs you only your participation.

**Take Time To Travel And Tour** is a full-service travel agency at 2506 Pebblestone Drive. Simply book your leisure or business travel through **Take Time To Travel and Tour** and mention Oakridge. That is all there is to it. **Take Time to Travel And Tour** will then rebate part of any travel - cruise, tour package, airline ticket, group package, hotel or car rentals to ONA. All future bookings will be tracked, so repeat bookings add more to ONA's treasury. Participation is not limited to only those living in Oakridge. Everyone, including businesses and individuals, mentioning Oakridge can participate and ONA receives the benefit! **Take Time To Travel And Tour** offers a full line of services to the leisure and business traveler at no additional cost to you, and of course tickets are delivered to your home or office free of charge.

For more information please call Bobby or Teresa at 530-0679.