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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As mentioned in the October newsletter, this November issue will be the last one delivered to NON-MEMBERS. Since we do not do a December newsletter, the next issue will be delivered in the latter part of January. We hope you who are non-members that enjoy reading the newsletter and many of the other benefits of the ONA, will choose to reconsider and show your support by joining the ONA.

There are many benefits to supporting the ONA which we have tried to express for the past 5 years. There has been great progress in all areas of the association. For instance, the entryways and perimeter of the outside walls is being maintained regularly which enhances the beauty of Oakridge and increases the value of our homes. We have a safer neighborhood because of the very active Crime Watch and C.O.P. program. We are able to inform you of zoning and development changes which can directly effect Oakridge. We provide this communication through the monthly newsletter and the ONA Hotline. We have even been able to reunite pets and their owners through the pet register and Hotline. All this has been provided to the entire neighborhood of 1140 homes for the past 5 years for only \$36 per year. We still only have 40% of the residents who have chosen to support the ONA. I wish we had a dollar for every phone call about lost pets or other problems from non-members.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!

Luanne Payne

## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

A group of us will be putting up the ONA holiday decorations for the entryways on Saturday, November 30th about 9:30 a.m. If you would like to join us, please contact Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 967-5136.

**ATTENTION\*\*\*\*ATTENTION**

**NEW ONA HOTLINE # 967-5136**

### **OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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**WE WISH YOU A  
VERY MERRY AND  
SAFE  
HOLIDAY SEASON**

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

The 1996-97 Oakridge Neighborhood Association rosters have been mailed out. If anyone did not receive their roster, please call me at 414-1098 and I will deliver one to you. We would like to thank all of the businesses who advertised in the roster and ask all Oakridge residents to patronize these businesses when possible. Any residents who would like to join the ONA, please call me at 414-1098 and I will drop off a membership form.

Mary Musseman

**OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON**

Lila LaGrassa has generously volunteered to be responsible for the Welcome Wagon. If there are any new neighbors on your street, you can call Lila at 530-8618.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR  
FIRE STATION NO. 3 & POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Once again and for the 5th year, the ONA will be putting together Christmas dinner for Fire Station No. 3 and the Garland Police Department. As in the past, Oakridge Country Club is donating a complete turkey dinner and Albertsons will be donating a ham, fruit or vegetable platter and pies. So that leaves salads, side dishes, breads and desserts that the residents of Oakridge can donate. If you can not bake or will be out of town but would still like to contribute, cash donations will be used for paper products and utensils.

This year we are going to be arranging the dinners a little different. As always, we will deliver a complete dinner to Fire Station No. 3 with all the side dishes and trimmings. Instead of putting together a complete dinner for the Police, which we have found is hard since they work on shifts, we have decided to send them fruits, veggies, chips & dips and of course some great desserts.

Anyone who wishes to participate either by baking, helping to deliver or cash donations can contact Luanne Payne at 530-9323. The dinner to the Fire Station will be delivered at 11:00 am on Christmas day. The firemen are so delighted to see us and are always ready to take the kids on a tour of the station and trucks. The food for the Police station will be delivered about 1:30 pm Christmas afternoon.

In the past, we have had several warm bodies and kids to help deliver this great food to these hard working and dedicated employees of the City of Garland. They appreciate and enjoy everything that is delivered. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

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<b>Police Non-Emergencies</b>	<b>205-2150</b>
<b>Lone Star Gas</b>	<b>800-817-8090</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>	<b>205-3420</b>
<b>Environmental Code</b>	<b>205-3374</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>205-3570</b>
<b>Poison Center</b>	<b>590-5000</b>
<b>Street Light Repair</b>	<b>205-3449</b>
<b>Electricity Emergency</b>	<b>205-3000</b>

**WHY IS PROPER PRICING OF YOUR HOME IMPORTANT?**

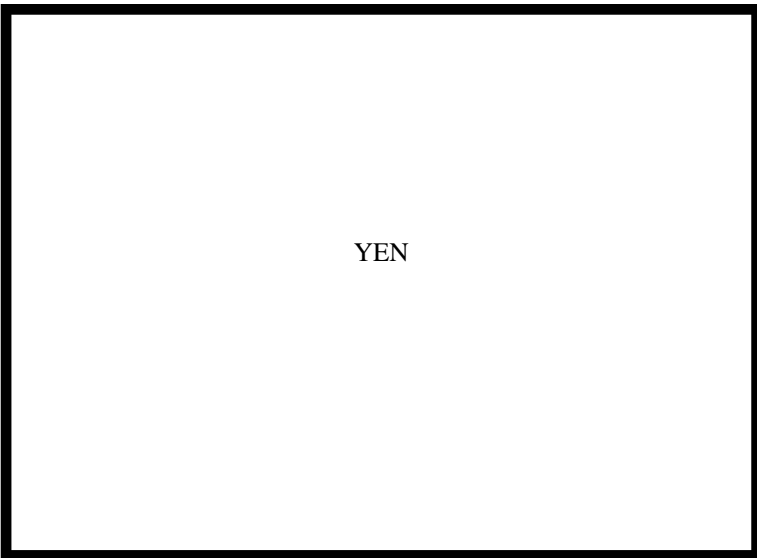
As of November 3, 1996, there have been 55 sales in Oakridge in 1996. The advantage of Proper Pricing is:

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8. **Avoids being "shopworn"**

Remember, the Real Estate agent does not control the values in a neighborhood. They are determined by the market and its factors. The factors are; Location, Financing, Condition, Price and Competition. Different economic conditions create changes in these factors. Hence, every year the market changes.

Thank you for your continued support. I live in the neighborhood, belong to Oakridge Country Club and care about my neighbors, and our property values.

**Peggy Richey, CRS,GRI  
Keller Williams Realty**



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**LET SUE DO IT**

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

**LET SUE DO IT**

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**LET SUE DO IT**

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**CRIME STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

**CRIME STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER:**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1 - <u>Habitation Burglary</u><br>(Actual offense unavailable at this time. It occurred on a Tues. about 9:30 pm.)                                    | Bending Oaks |
| 1 - <u>Vehicle Burglary</u><br>(Broke window and stole stereo system from car on a Friday between the hours of 8:00 am & 1:30 pm.)                    | Bending Oaks |
| 1 - <u>Theft \$750 - \$20,000</u><br>(Actual offense unavailable at this time. It occurred during the hours of 9:30 pm on a Sat. and 1:00 am on Sun.) | Rolling Oak  |
| 1 - <u>Theft \$50 - \$500</u><br>(Actual offense unavailable at this time. It occurred during the hours of 6:00 pm on a Fri. and 10:00 am on Tues.)   | Hearthside   |
| 1 - <u>Theft \$50 - \$500</u><br>(Actual offense unavailable at this time. It occurred during the hours of 6:00 pm on a Tues. and 9:00 am on Wed.)    | Hearthside   |
| 1 - <u>Theft Under \$50</u><br>(Actual offense unavailable at this time. It occurred during the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm on a Tues.)             | Hearthside   |
| 1 - <u>Criminal Mischief</u><br>(Busted out car window during the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on a Tues.)  | Oak Springs  |
| 1 - <u>Criminal Mischief</u><br>(Busted out car window during the hours of 7:30 pm and 9:15 pm on a Tues.)  | Rolling Oak  |
| 1 - <u>Criminal Mischief</u><br>(Busted out car window during the hours of 8:15 pm and 9:00 pm on a Tues.)  | Oak Point    |

on a Tuesday evening during a 3-hour time span from 6:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

With the holidays approaching, please be extra cautious when you are shopping. Be alert and observant. If you have lots of packages and children with you, ask a store clerk or guard to walk you to your car. It's always better to be a little extra cautious during the holidays when we have so much going on.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL**

The C.O.P. program has been doing a great job patrolling. Several of us have found open garage doors and have notified the residents. We hope this is helping to prevent some of the habitation burglaries due to open garage doors. Even at late hours, you all have been very appreciative that we informed you. Remember, we are volunteers and we are trying to patrol at times we think are the most active. There are a limited number of us and we can't be everywhere all the time. After the holidays, we anticipate the police conducting another C.O.P. training class which will enable us to have more hours and days to patrol. We already have a list of volunteers and if you want to add your name to the list please contact Ron Horan at 495-8083 to sign up. As soon as we are notified of the class date you will be contacted.

The statistics for the month of October were up by 3 reports from the previous month of September. There was only 1 habitation burglary, same as last month. The three thefts reported on Hearthside occurred at the duplexes under construction. The three criminal mischief reports all occurred

## KUDOS!

We would like to express a special thank you to Bill Walter and Mark Boland of Painless Roofing who did a superb job on the redecking of our roofs. Since we chose Painless Roofing they donated a total of \$200 (\$100 per customer) to the ONA which is greatly appreciated. Thank you again!

**Harry & Lila LaGrassa  
Jim & Jackie Griffin**

## **HOLIDAY DECORATING**

It's that time of year again, when we all get excited about decorating our homes and lawns for the holidays.

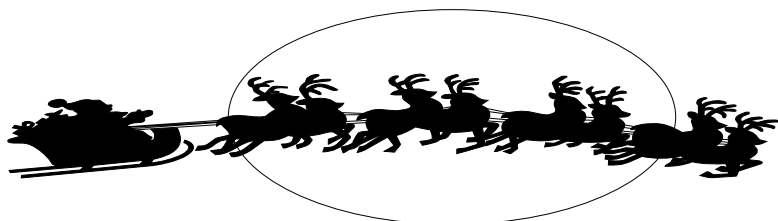
Have you thought about getting together with your neighbors and planning a "Theme" for your block? This wouldn't have to be a timely or expensive project. Would you like some ideas - -  
Have a neighborhood (block) social hour

Discuss some decorating ideas:

1. Candy Cane Lane.
2. Lollipop Lane.
3. Hang a holiday flag on your home or garage, if it is a front entry.
4. Decorate your mail boxes.

A project like this would help you get to know your neighbors a little better and at the same time your homes and lawns would show your enthusiasm for the holidays! What a great way to get in the holiday spirit!

Ron & Pam Harbach  
Environmental Committee



## **Season's greetings!**

The members of the Oakridge Women's Club have been busy planning a very special Christmas party for our kids (Sunday, Dec. 15th at 2:30). They'll enjoy yummy treats and an extra special visitor from the North Pole! If you're interested in meeting other families like yours, right here in Oakridge, call Chetna or Varsha for membership information (530-9362).

**Pam Simmons, M.A.  
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## 1997 PASSBOOKS

Passbooks are still available until January 10th for those of you who haven't gotten your books yet. Remember they make great gifts for Christmas and birthdays and are only \$30. If you would like to buy one, please call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 and I will be glad to deliver it to you.

## HOLIDAY CLEANUP

Remember trash must be placed in the proper receptacles at all times. The front, back, side yards and alley must remain free of all litter, trash and refuse. The receptacle must be placed in the proper location either on the front right-of-way or in the alley as designated by the Solid Waste Department for weekly pickup. Additionally, just a reminder, receptacles should not be placed out before 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection and should be pulled back on the property before 7:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

Large items such as trees and boxes should be placed on the right-of-way at the front or street for pickup. **YOU MAY CONTACT SOLID WASTE AT 205-3500 FOR PICKUP.** Please refer to your monthly December utility bill for the dates and times of the Christmas tree pickups or call the above number.

Property owners, their agents and tenants shall be jointly responsible for eliminating all trash or refuse to the center line of the street, the alley, rights-of-way and abutting property.

Ron & Pam Harbach

### **Season's Greetings to The Members of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association!**

Hey Oakridge Neighbors!! Searching for a place for activities galore during the winter months?? Well, look no further. Oakridge Country Club is the answer! As a Member of Oakridge you and your family can get involved in many of our upcoming Winter activities, such as . . . Wine Tastings . . . Pro Shop Holiday Sale . . . Member's Holiday Dinner Dance . . . Brunch with Santa . . . Winter Junior Appreciation Day . . . Member's New Year's Eve Black and White Ball . . . and Much More!!

**Call Pam at 530-8008 for More Details!**

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## ATTENTION : BABY-SITTERS



The Oakridge Women's Club's annual "Meet the Baby-sitter" night is just around the corner. All interested baby-sitters and their moms are invited to attend. You'll fill out a questionnaire (including names and phone numbers of references), meet our members, and help yourself to pizza! Also, we'll have great door prizes! If you're interested in expanding your baby-sitting business, mark your calendar. Tuesday, January 14, 1997, at the home of Kay Hackler (2809 Stoneridge) at 7:00. If you have any questions, please call Mary (495-5734).

A black and white illustration of a man in a short-sleeved shirt and pants standing on a ladder. He is holding a tool. There are various tools and a bucket on the floor around the ladder.

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## C & P Goings On

The latest estimated opening date for the new Home Depot store at Jupiter and Buckingham is now mid-December. A late November opening had been planned, but inclement weather slowed progress. The proposed Super 1 grocery store is still in the planning process, but a date for ground breaking has not been set.

Perhaps you have noticed some site preparation behind the first three homes on the creek side of Winding Oaks at the entrance from Buckingham. A check with the city planning office revealed that plans for a chapel on the site were possible, but final plans had not been submitted. This development will continue to be monitored.

The preparation of land for homes and retail on the southeast corner of Shiloh and Buckingham is progressing on schedule, and the first homes should appear near the first of the year.

At the southwest corner of Shiloh and Beltline, Chevron has proposed a combined Chevron/McDonald's store. The plan presented to the Garland City Council includes closing the location at the southeast corner of the same intersection, and cleaning up the ground pollution that has been found on the present site as well as adjoining land owned by others that has also been affected. Part of the discussion and tentative approval of the new site centered around the timeliness of the cleanup operation, so that the affected land could be sold or used for other purposes.

**I wish each of you a  
Happy, Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving!**

David Winter  
ONA Civic & Political Representative

### Correction

On the back page of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association membership roster, we inadvertently left out CRS following Peggy Richey's name.

It should read Peggy Richey, CRS, GRI