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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

**7:00 PM - COUNTRY CLUB**

Be sure to mark your calendars for the above meeting. The guest speaker will be Jerry Halpin from the GISD. He will be able to answer your questions concerning how well Garland schools rate locally and statewide. He will explain how the choice of school form works and answer questions about the academies. There is also a new program that will be put in place for the next school year about science and math academies and how to get enrolled in these. This meeting is particularly important for new residents as well as parents with elementary school age children to help you understand how the freedom of choice in GISD works. This meeting will also be very informative to anyone who pays taxes to know where and what their dollars are spent for. We hope to see you there.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

It's 1997 and we are all back in our places. The ONA hopes you had a nice and safe holiday season. We also hope you enjoyed all the decorations that we put up. Many of you stopped and commented about how pretty they looked and your comments were very much appreciated.

As we mentioned in the November issue, we do not print a December newsletter and when we returned in January the newsletters would only be sent out to members of the ONA. We did get some response from a few of you that enjoy reading the newsletter and all the information that we have in it, and actually got some new members. We hope that the absence of the newsletter is missed enough to get the non-members attention and they will decide to join the ONA.

There is a ONA General Membership program scheduled for Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 pm at the Country Club. The guest speaker will be Jerry Halpin, Director of Pupil Personnel for the GISD. In other words, he is in charge of the choice of school forms. Topics to be discussed will be an overview of the Garland schools local and state ratings, freedom of choice, the academies and a new program to begin next school year: science and math academies. So mark your calendars for this very important meeting and spread the word to any non-members who might have school age children, especially elementary level. Even if you do not have school age children, this meeting will inform you as to where you tax dollars are going. This is a meeting for everyone.

We are always thinking of new ways to get Oakridge involved in neighborhood activities. If you have any suggestions or comments please drop us a line (P. O. Box 450145, Garland 75045-0145) or call us on the ONA Hotline at 967-5136. Thank you for your continued support.

Luanne Payne

### **OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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

### **NEW ONA HOTLINE**

**967-5136**

# CAP Review

David Winter-ONA Civic & Political Representative

City Manager Jeff Muzzy hosted a meeting of the representatives from each of the homeowner's associations of Garland at City Hall on January 9, 1997. Several topics including the functions of the Board of Adjustment, Plan Commission, Area Implementation Committees and Housing Standards Board were covered. Mr. Muzzy stated there is always a need for volunteers to serve on the various boards, commissions and committees that shape the future of Garland. Interested residents of Garland may call the City of Garland Secretary's office at (972) 205-2404 to request a form that will list the boards and commissions on one side and an application for appointment on the other side.

For those of you interested in attending a board or commission meeting, Board of Adjustment meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in council chambers, Planning Commission meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00pm with a pre-meeting at 6:00pm in council chambers, Housing Standards Board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:30pm in council chambers.

In the last C&P column, I mentioned site preparation behind the first three homes on the creek side of Winding Oaks at the entrance from Buckingham. A plat has been filed with the city Planning Commission for that site as Arianna Addition and as filed will have a chapel between the homes and the creek. Specifics of the chapel were not stated. The plat was denied at the Monday, January 13 meeting of the Planning Commission because all the information requested had not been made available, but will be re-considered at a future meeting. The full plat contains a total of 2+acres on both sides of the creek, but only the west side is to be developed at this time.

There has been tentative approval for a Winn-Dixie supermarket to be built at Shiloh and Buckingham, but no firm plans have been announced for construction. The Super 1 grocery at Jupiter and Buckingham has also not announced a firm time to begin construction.

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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>
<b>Richard Fricks, Our City Council Member</b>	<b>495-7932</b>

## THANK YOU!!!

My sincere thanks to each of the families shown below who contributed food, money and time toward the Christmas dinners that were provided to Fire Station No. 3 and the Garland Police Department. This was the 5th year the ONA has been able to provide this to these very hard working city employees. They truly appreciate being remembered at this special time of the year. So a big thanks to the following families:

The Badough Family	Oak Springs
The Benner Family	Fulton
The Dayhoff Family	Ridge Oak Dr.
The Elmes/Walker Family	Big Oaks
The Gingerich Family	Ridge Oak Dr.
The Hageland Family	Rolling Oak
The Holmes/Sullivan Family	Willow Ridge
The Hutter Family	Big Oaks
The LaGrassa Family	Diamond Oaks
The Martindale Family	Stoneridge
The Meurer Family	Hickory Bend
The Musseman Family	O a k

Springs

The Payne Family	Willow Ridge
The Rummel Family	Oak Springs
The Stimpson Family	Laurel Oaks

Dr.

The Winter Family	Oak Springs
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A very special thank you to Patti Hulsebus, Manager of Oakridge Country Club and Mr. Richard Moseley, Manager of Albertsons. Without their generous donations, the Christmas dinners would not have been as plentiful.

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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**

You need a week away, but Kitty and Rover don't want to go to the Kennel

### **LET SUE DO IT**

The possibilities are endless  
(and the prices are reasonable)

- Pet/House Sitting
- Errands
- Taking kids to soccer, ortho, Etc.
- Shopping
- Baking/Cooking
- Etc., Etc.

### **LET SUE DO IT**

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**Sue Hageland**

**530-5089**

### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### **Crocheted Names**

#### **Suitable for Framing**

**(Angels, Snowflakes, Doilies, etc.)**

**\$5.00 Per Letter**

**Norene Murphy**

**530-6669**

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Happy New Year!! As of January 15th, we have 470 members. We are inching closer to our goal of 500 members, but as you can see, it is a slow process. I know all of you members have friends or neighbors who have not joined the ONA. If each of you could get one family to join, it would put us over our goal. Please call me at 414-1098 to answer any of your questions or to drop off a membership form to one of your friends or neighbors. Thank you.

Mary Musseman

CRIME STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER:

1 - Habitation Burglary Diamond Oaks  
(Tools were stolen from garage from vacant house between the hours of 9:00pm on a Mon. and 5:30pm on Wed.)

1 - Habitation Burglary Stoneridge  
(Resident heard garage door open around 2:00am on a Friday morning. A leather briefcase & cell phone were stolen from car parked in garage)

1 - Theft \$50-\$500 Ridge View Lane  
(Skirt was stolen from back yard on a Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2:30pm and 4:30pm)

1 - Theft Under \$50 Oak Springs  
(Red recycle bin was stolen from residence on a Tuesday between the hours of 7:00am and 5:30pm)

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The statistics for the month of November decreased more than half (6) from the previous month of October which reported 10 offenses. As you can see from above, the crime rate is rapidly declining. I hope if and when I get the December statistics that December was as quiet as I think it was. I did not hear of any vandalism to decorations during the holidays but then I don't always hear about everything. I only know when I get the report what has happened unless someone calls me direct to let me know. The December stats will be reported along with January's in the February newsletter.

**A Special Thanks**  
**to**  
**Richard Moseley, Manager**  
**Albertsons - Buckingham & Jupiter**  
**For the contribution to the Christmas**  
**Dinner for our Police & Fire Department**

**District Director No. 3**

The District No. 3 position has now been filled by a very eager and fairly new Oakridge resident. Her name is Vicki Hanas. Vicki and her husband Phil moved to Oakridge a year ago and she quickly became involved in the ONA by signing up to be a block captain and delivering newsletters on her street. They have 3 children, Courtney, Molly and Kyle. Before Vicki became a stay-at-home mom, she was a court reporter for the Federal Court system in Indiana. Phil's job with J. C. Penney relocated them to Texas 9 years ago. Vicki is very excited about being involved in the ONA and already feels about Oakridge the same as many of us do; that Oakridge is a great place to live in Garland. Welcome aboard Vicki!

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# OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

## Membership Drive

Have you been thinking about attending one of our meetings, but just haven't made it? Well, don't wait another month! Our February meeting is the perfect time for new members!

hosting a cheese social know those interested in us. Also, play a little winners take prizes! Don't fun and the opportunity new friends



We are wine and to get to who are joining we'll Keno - home miss the

to make in your neighborhood! We'll meet at the home of Christy Elms (2801 Stoneridge) Monday, February 10th at 7:00 P.M. See you there! Call Mary for more information (495-5734).

FYI - The primary purpose of the Oakridge Women's Club is to develop friendships with others in the neighborhood. Our monthly meetings are held at the country club, a local restaurant, or a member's home. We plan monthly activities for our children, plan special seasonal events, and enjoy socializing with other families here in Oakridge. Our dues (only \$12 per year) are used for our children's activities and for printing costs.

Also, we're planning a trip to the Science Place Planetarium in February. Join now and get in on the fun!

Thank You Baby-Sitters! Our "Meet the Baby-Sitter Night" was a huge success! We really enjoyed meeting all the sitters (and parents) who attended, and hope to keep you very busy this year!

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To my Oakridge Neighbors,

Some of you know me by name. Others of you know me as the "house next door to 'Let Sue do it'."

All of you make me feel appreciated.

As I began my annual Christmas Light decorating marathon the weekend before Christmas, I saw you slow down or pause as you passed by. Some of you took the time to say how much you and your children enjoyed the lights. Some even expressed concern that something might have happened to me or my family that caused my late start of light stringing.

A few even mentioned Halloween.

For some reason, my Christmas Spirit did not kick in until almost Christmas.

But driving in and out of Oakridge changed my non-spirit into a "call to decorate", especially as I watched your lights going up all around me.

Thank you Oakridge and friends, without who's support and enjoyment I might not look forward to that 40 hour marathon required to string 11,000 lights.

Jeff Kunkle & Family  
2001 Rolling Oak Ln.

## OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON

Lila LaGrassa welcomed the following families into Oakridge during December and January:

Big Oaks:	John & Lyle Doyle
Creighton:	Wanda Young
Diamond Oaks:	Oanh Tran
Golden Oaks:	Steve & Pauline Shoemaker
Grand Oak:	Alpss Vaghella
Laurel Oaks Dr.:	Marie Hubbard
Ridge Oak Dr.:	Rick & Deborah Edmisten
Windy Ridge:	Donald & Mary Pattie

Please pay special attention to new neighbors moving onto your street. Take a few moments out of your busy schedule to jot down their address and give Lila LaGrassa a call at 530-8618 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline, 967-5136, so we can welcome them into Oakridge with a basket of homemade goodies. I know they will appreciate your effort and we will too!

(Please forgive us if we have misspelled anyone's name or left anyone off the list. Please let us know if there are any corrections and they will appear in February's newsletter.)



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