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## ONA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 3, 1997

**Business Meeting 7:00 pm Program 7:30 pm**

Are you interested in keeping informed where your **tax dollars** are spent in the city? Be sure to attend **ONA's** April Membership Meeting and you can find out! The **ONA** board has invited Garland Mayor, The Honorable Jamie Ratliff, to be our guest speaker. The informative program will be on the upcoming May 3rd "**City Bond Election**". As you may or may not know there will be nine (9) propositions given to the voters on ballot at the May 3rd Election. They are as follows:

**Proposition 1:** \$67,970,000 for improvements of the city streets.

**Proposition 2** \$4,200,000 for enhancements to Northeast Parkway for SH-190 to SH-78; this is contingent upon initiation of mall construction.

**Proposition 3:** \$10,570,000 for drainage improvements.

**Proposition 4:** \$5,890,000 for materials and site requisition for a West Garland Library.

**Proposition 5:** \$12,370,000 for construction, improvement, and equipment for park and recreation facilities.

**Proposition 6:** \$3,440,000 for expansion to Garland Performing Arts Center and Plaza Theater.

**Proposition 7:** \$19,890,000 for improvements to fire facilities, build additional fire stations, Municipal Court facilities, and police facilities.

**Proposition 8:** \$1,710,000 for improvements to Fleet Maintenance, street and  
aprom replacement, Transportation  
Department building replacement, undesignated municipal facilities.

**Proposition 9:** \$1,025,000 for renovations to the old power plant.

The information on the above Propositions is just a brief synopsis to give you some information about the Bond Election before attending the meeting. Mayor Ratliff will go into greater detail on each proposition or any other questions you might have about Garland. Remember your attending the meeting keeps you informed on your neighborhood and city. Keeping our **ONA** members informed is one of the many things the Board strives to do. Looking forward to seeing you on April 3rd.

**NOTE:** Early voting begins April 14th thru April 29th at Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street.

### **OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**P.O. Box 450145  
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ONA Hotline: 967-5136**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

***Luanne Payne***

The ONA has planned and scheduled a General Membership meeting for Thursday, April 3rd. Mayor Jamie Ratliff will be our guest speaker and he will discuss several issues concerning the upcoming bond election for the city of Garland. We would like to see a good turn out, so please mark your calendars for **THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD at 7:00 pm at the Country Club.**

How does a "*Taste of Oakridge*" sound to you? Oakridge is such a multi-cultural neighborhood and this idea entered my head but it could never happen without a lot of help from **YOU**. My idea is to have an ***Oakridge Neighborhood Block Party*** where we could all gather and bring a native dish to share with our neighbors and even pass out some of our recipes. Just think of all the different kinds of foods we could be exposed to: Korean, Vietnamese, Indian, Mexican, Italian, French, German, Cajun, East Texas, West Texas, etc. The possibilities are endless. To make something like this happen we need **YOUR** participation and a committee to help organize this event. This will also be a great way to increase the ONA membership and even better yet, get to know our neighbors. If this sounds like something you would be interested in helping to organize, please call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 967-5136. I look forward to hearing from you!

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**CRIME STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1997:**

*Luanne Payne*

1 - Habitation Burglary      Hearthside

(Burglar took kitchen range and microwave from house under construction between 10:00 pm on Wed. (2/19) and 7:00 am on Thurs. (2/20).

1 - Habitation Burglary      Hickory Bend

(Burglar broke glass on front door to gain entry and took antique dolls from bedroom about 12:30 pm on a Mon. (2/17).

1 - Habitation Burglary      Diamond Oaks

(Burglar kicked in back door and took jewelry box which occurred on a Fri. (2/7) at 11:45 am.

1 - Theft \$200 - \$750      Winding Oak

(Thief entered backyard and stole family pet dog, German Shepherd/Golden Retriever mix on a Wed. (2/5) between the hours of 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

The statistics for the month of February decreased from 8 offenses reported in January to only 4 offenses reported for this month. Since the crime report is now reported in more detailed to you, the residents of Oakridge, you may be of some assistance in helping to solve these crimes by recalling the dates and times of the above offenses. Do you recall anything unusual happening on the dates and times shown above? Who knows you may help solve a neighbors crime just by thinking back about what you were doing on that date. If you have any questions or comments about anything, you may call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 967-5136.

**LET SUE DO IT**

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## **OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB:**

*Mary Macejewski*

The April meeting of the Oakridge Women's Club will feature CPR training. We will learn the proper technique to assist an infant, child, and adult. The fee for this three hour session is \$18.00. Non-members of the Oakridge women's club are more than welcome to attend. Also, a special invitation to all our teen-age (or younger) baby-sitters in the neighborhood. We would love for you to join us. You'll be more prepared and parents will have more confidence in you! It is important that anyone planning to attend, RSVP by Friday, April 11. We need to know how many instructors will be needed. Thanks! Be a star - learn CPR!

Monday, April 14, 1997

7:00 to 10:00 P.M.

(Members- 6:30, if possible, so we can visit a little!)

2226 Diamond Oaks

**RSVP: 495-5734 (Mary)**

### **OWC MEMBER NEWS:**

We would like to welcome new member Christin Erwin. We're so glad you joined us. We're looking forward to getting to know you and your family better!

It's a girl! Welcome, Selena Naik! Congratulations to Chetna, Nilesh, and big sister Nakita.

### ***April Calendar:***



- \* Mon. April 14 - Monthly meeting (CPR)
- \* Sat. April 19 - Park Day. Lookout park in Richardson (north on Plano road, just past Owens farm, right on Lookout). Pack a picnic lunch if you'd like. Also, if it's windy - bring your kite. See you there!



### **DID YOU KNOW...**

... that trees and shrubs are to be trimmed to 8' of clearance over sidewalks, 14' over alleys and streets and 1' off alleyways.

... that your green garbage container can only be placed at the collection site after 6:00 p.m. the day before collection (Tuesday's for Oakridge) and must be removed by 11:00 p.m. on the scheduled collection day.

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**WHERE:** Hella Temple  
2121 Rowlett Road  
Garland, Texas

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 5th  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

You may reserve tables with the purchase of 10 tickets or more, or to purchase your tickets in advance you may contact any of the following numbers:

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## OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON

*Lila LaGrassa*

The following families were welcomed into Oakridge in March:

Hearthside: Helen Elkins

Peakwood: Maggie Turnbow

Rolling Oak: Marcelino & Patricia Silva

Ms. Elkins and a family greeted in February, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Carlton, joined the ONA after being greeted. We are very happy with the response we are getting from the Welcome Wagon. We are always on the look-out for new families moving into Oakridge. Please call Lila LaGrassa at 530-8613 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 967-5136 when you see a new resident moving in on your street. It would be helpful if you could furnish the address also. Thank you.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*Mary Musseman*

As of March 18th, the ONA has 475 members. The majority of the new members are joining when they have been greeted by Lila LaGrassa or they send in their membership form and check the following month. We are only 25 members away from our goal of 500 members. There is just a little more than two months until our new fiscal year starts (June 1st), so please check your roster and if one of your close friends or neighbors are not members, please encourage them to join. Please call me, Mary Musseman at 414-1098 and I will be glad to drop off a membership form and roster for a new member. Thanks for your participation.

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## **WHAT HAPPENED ON GRAND OAK?**

*Luanne Payne*

On the morning of March 7th about 10:45 am, a mini-van went speeding down Willow Ridge, slamming on the brakes and squealing tires. This alerted my attention immediately, and me, being the one who always gets involved, did just that. I ran outside and asked my neighbor who was working in his yard what was going on and he said some guy just drove by completely out of control. So I sprung into action and got in my car to see what I could find. I was very surprised when I did find the min-van had crashed into a tree and stopped only feet away from the house on Grand Oak, just one street away from me. As I called 911 to report this, I discovered this person not only crashed into one tree but three other trees and also hit a car parked on the street. This was very upsetting to many of the residents on Grand Oak as there are many small children who play in the front yards where the trees were completely mowed down. These trees could have been innocent children playing. Thank God, they weren't. Trees and cars can be replaced but not our precious children. The person who did this was caught and arrested with a little help from me.

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