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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Luanne Payne

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association is approaching the start of our 6th year, in June, as a neighborhood volunteer organization. I am proud of our many accomplishments and plan to continue growing in this positive direction to help promote a safe and beautiful neighborhood, as well as, getting to know our neighbors.

As many of you know, the volunteers who have worked hard to plan and organize and follow through to make this association what it is today, have been working since the beginning. Some of us are tired but won't give up until we get some more help and some of us have become overloaded with personal commitments. We know there are some good people in the neighborhood who could help but are afraid of the commitment. Sometimes we volunteer for too many activities and get burned out and swear we'll never volunteer for anything else again. I feel that a commitment to help a few hours a month for a year to benefit our neighborhood is not asking too much.

The ONA desperately needs a Vice-President and Treasurer who are elected by the membership. We also need new volunteers for the Membership, Civic & Political, Environmental committees. Mary Musseman, who has been in charge of the Membership for the past 2 years, is willing to assist someone to take over her duties. Membership is one of the more rewarding committees as you are able to meet so many neighbors and help increase the ONA membership. Mary has done an exceptional job. Thanks Mary! The Civic & Political committee requires someone interested in the City activities and who can attend City Council meetings or city homeowner association meetings. This person would inform us of anything that would concern the

Oakridge area or the northwest section of Garland. Dave Winter has been in charge of this committee for the past year and has done an excellent job, but can no longer fulfill these duties because of health reasons. When his health improves he hopes to get involved again. Thanks Dave for all your help and we are looking forward to your recovery. Environmental committee has been looking for someone interested in overseeing the general maintenance program which is always under contract with a landscape company. Pam and Ron Harbach are presently in charge of this and would be willing to assist someone interested in taking over their duties. This is also a rewarding committee since you are able to physically see the benefits of what this committee accomplishes. The Harbachs have done a great job for the past 5 years. Thanks Pam & Ron!

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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ONA Hotline: 967-5136

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Don't forget to Vote May 5

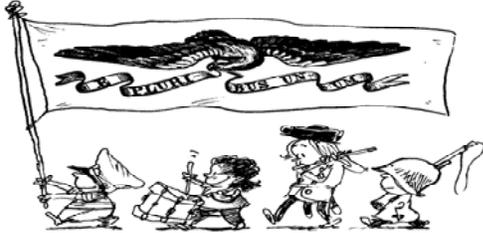
OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Mary Macejewski

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday May 13, 1997 7:00 P.M.

J. Pepe's - Oakridge Plaza



This month we'll start planning our annual Fourth of July Parade. If you've been thinking about joining us, this is a great time to get involved. This event is fun for the whole family!

We would like to thank Tracy McCasland and Pat Murphy of Emergency Life Support Systems. The CPR training we received at last month's meeting was excellent! Thanks again.

OWC MEMBER NEWS:

Mary Macejewski

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

If you have any questions about the Oakridge Women's Club, please call Chetna or Varsha (530-9362).

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| Poison Center | 590-5000 |
| Street Light Repair | 205-3449 |
| Electricity Emergency | 205-3000 |
| Water & Sewer | 205-3210 |
| Richard Fricks, City Council | 495-7932 |
| ONA Hotline | 967-5136 |

CRIME STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1997:

Luanne Payne

1 - Habitation Burglary **Pebblestone**

Broke in back window and left thru garage door. Thief stole heirloom family jewelry and various other items. Occurred Tues. 3/18 between 7:10 am and 2:15 pm.

1 - Habitation Burglary **Diamond Oaks**

Thief entered thru pet doggy door and stole video game player. Occurred Tues. 3/25 between 8:50 am and 12:30 pm.

1 - Vehicle Burglary **Lone Oak**

Broke out passenger window and broke into trunk and stole stereo equipment, speakers, and amplifier. Occurred Thurs. 3/6 around 2:30 am.

1 - Vehicle Burglary **Diamond Oaks**

Thief stole drum sticks, CB, walkie-talkie and other items from car parked in rear driveway. Occurred between Sun. 3/16 and Mon. 3/17 during 4:00 pm and 9:00 am.

1 - Vehicle Burglary **Hickory Bend**

Thief broke into mini-van parked on rear driveway and took various items which were later found in yard. Occurred between Fri. 3/28 and Mon. 3/31 during 5:00 pm and 7:45 am.

1 - Vehicle Burglary **Big Oaks**

Thief stole cell phone and cigarette lighter from car. Occurred Mon. 3/31 about 9:00 am.

The statistics for the month of March increased by 2 offenses from 4 in February to 6 in March. There are two major items I would like to call to your attention. The first being in reference to the last vehicle burglary listed above. The thief was caught with these items on his person and he was arrested. This was possible because someone noticed this guy walking down the street and trying to open several cars and they quickly called 911 and reported this. The police were in the vicinity and responded within minutes and

were successful in apprehending him. Thank you to the alert crime watch neighbor.

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The other incident I would like to inform you about occurred on April 1st on Ridge Oak Drive about 9:30 in the morning. The police prevented a house from being broken into because they actually had these two suspects under surveillance and witnessed them coming out of the back yard of the residence. The police stopped them for a traffic violation and ran background checks on both suspects and found them to have several offenses on their records. They were arrested and the police are investigating whether they can be connected to any other home burglaries in Oakridge. Thanks to the Garland Police, this is one less burglary of a habitation that was prevented.

I have several calls lately from all you great Crime Watchers informing me that you have called the police for seeing a suspicious vehicle or suspicious activities. Don't ever hesitate to call the police for any reason. If the incident is happening right now, call 911 or if it is something you saw that just didn't seem right and you can't stop thinking about it and want to report it anyway, call the non-emergency number, 205-2150. Keep up the good work!

CITIZENS ON PATROL

(C. O. P.) -- Luanne Payne

Finally! At Last! The police have scheduled another training session for the Citizens On Patrol program. This one-day class will teach you the basic knowledge you will need to help patrol the neighborhood. I have a list of names I have had for a year waiting for another training class. I have contacted those people and have them signed up but if you are interested in becoming involved in the neighborhood patrol, please call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 and I will get you signed up. But I need to hear from you by May 7th. The actual date for the training is:

DATE: Saturday, May 24th
TIME: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
LOCATION: Village of East Gate Apts.
1753 Plaza Dr. & NW Hwy.

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- If you use a walk-up ATM, always observe your surroundings before conducting transactions.
- Stand between the ATM and anyone waiting to use the terminal to prevent others from seeing your secret code or transaction amount.
- Refrain from using walk-up ATM's at night.
- If you use a drive-up ATM, keep your engine running, doors locked, and windows up until time to conduct your transaction.
- Leave enough room between cars to allow for a quick exit should it be necessary.
- Before lowering your windows, look for anything suspicious.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sandra Dinkins

The Honorable James Ratliff, Mayor of the City Garland, has issued a proclamation for the citizens of Garland to observe the National Day of Prayer, on Thursday May 1st, from 12:05 – 12:50.

The event is being sponsored by our local Kiwanis Club and will be held at the main auditorium in the Performing Arts Center.

Come and experience your religious freedom to pray for your city, for our local governmental officials, and for our nation. Our neighborhood, city and nation are in dire need of God's blessing. The safety of our children and families are at stake.

If you desire additional information, call Sandra Dinkins at (972)414-4073, Coordinator for NDP in Garland.

**HEY ONA NEIGHBORS
FROM THE OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB!!**

Are you searching for another place to call home, where you and your family can have activities planned Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter? Do you want to be pampered every time you play golf, tennis or swim? Would you like to play golf in four hours or less? Would you like to have a "CHEERS" restaurant and grille to go to relax after a hard day at the office or with the kids? How would you like to have a tennis facility that supplies playing partners, outside leagues and lots of fun? If you answered yes to any of one of the above questions, Oakridge Country Club is the place for you!

We would like to invite you and your family to our Spring Open House on Saturday, May 17 from 9 to 11 am, at which time we will be happy to show off our Club and answer any questions you have about joining Oakridge. If you would like to come to our open house or would like to schedule an individualized tour of Oakridge do not hesitate to contact Pam or Chris in the Membership Office at (972) 530-8008!

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

As of April 15th, the O.N.A. has 477 members. For the past two years we have tried to expand the O.N.A. membership and we have expanded from approximately 350 to 476. However; with over 1100 homes in the neighborhood we feel the participation should be higher. If any of you have ideas on how we can increase the membership in the O.N.A. please call me at 414-1098.

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This association is strong and is very well respected by the City of Garland. The ONA has made so much progress in the past five years and we are proud of it. We have a very active Crime Watch and C.O.P. program to help decrease crime in our neighborhood. The entryways and the outside boundaries of the brick walls look wonderful and are a reflection of the kind of neighborhood we live in. The Newsletter is always full of noteworthy news and advertisements from all kinds of local businesses. It is our source of communication, along with the ONA Hotline. The Hotline is a very valuable tool for getting out important news fast. It also helps with lost and found pets via the Pet Register. We have also been able to keep up with new neighbors moving into Oakridge, by neighbors calling the Hotline, so we can officially welcome them with the Welcome Wagon.

As I close, I can't stress enough that we need HELP. Please consider all the benefits of this great association and how you can become a part of its continued growth. To volunteer, you can call me, Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 967-5136. The ONA looks forward to having some new faces.

JIM WHATLEY

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBOR SINCE 1985

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