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Message From The President – Donna Dayhoff

In last month's newsletter the Deed and Code Restrictions were mentioned. The Association hopes that the Oakridge residents will uphold these restrictions.

There have been questions as to why some of these restrictions are not followed or have been allowed to be abused. As you know, our Association is not mandatory (even though we wish all residents would join) and being so; does not allow us to have the funds that would be necessary to pursue the issues that may be unheeded by the residents. As individuals, residents have the right to bring suit against someone, who may be blatantly breaking the restrictions and as an Association, we can certainly make the residents disregarding these restrictions aware and ask them to correct the problem.

There are certain restrictions when broken that can involve the City, such as junk cars, parking of recreational vehicles on the street or driveways if the sidewalk is blocked by said vehicle, and shrubbery blocking the view of oncoming traffic.

We, the Association, know that some restrictions have been broken in the years past (TV antennas, satellite dishes, etc.) but since we are only six (6) years old and not mandatory it is nearly impossible to have residents remove them.

The Association hopes that the residents are proud enough of their neighborhood that they will follow the Deed Restrictions for their area in Oakridge without needing a reminder from the Association to correct the situation.

You will be noticing that in the near future new stop signs installed making two (2) intersections four way stops. These intersections are Diamond Oaks-Stoneridge-Big Oaks and Diamond Oaks-Moss Trail. The residents, who signed a petition to authorize their installation, approved these. We hope this will help make our neighborhood a little safer with the traffic.

The Executive Board members and myself wish you all a Happy Holiday

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!!

A group of us will be putting up the ONA holiday decorations for the nine (9) entryways on Saturday, Nov. 29th or Sunday, Nov. 30th. about 9:30 a.m. If you would like to help (and we do need help), call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136. We can really use some strong teenagers who would like to get involved! If the weather is bad, this will be postponed until the next week-end of Dec. 6th.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

IT'S ABOUT TIME

We are in a Sellers market. What does that mean and how does that effect you? Over the past year we have seen an increase in home values and there is less inventory available on the market.

Over the past several years we have averaged between 40-60 homes on the market on a monthly basis in Oakridge. We are now seeing between 15-25 per month which is substantially lower. This does not change the fact that even though the prices have risen, many homes are still selling for far less then their original purchase value and our homes are at the age where they need to be updated.

We are still in competition with surrounding neighborhoods and cities and updating your home will allow you a quicker sale and top dollar. Many Buyers choose to purchase a newer home because they do not want to take the time, money or have the hassle in remodeling a home. It is to your advantage to work on your home a little at a time and keep it updated and in condition so that when the time comes that you want to make a change, your home is ready to put on the market and you do not have to invest a lot of money at one time.

With the decrease of inventory we should see significant price increases this year. If the economy holds steady, and buyers have more spendable income coupled with lower interest rates, I think home sales will be excellent in 1998.

Peggy Richey, CRS,GRI
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GARBAGE DAYS!

Many of us put our garbage into the "big green can" loosely. You should bag your garbage before putting it into the pick-up can. On windy days when the truck lifts the cans up to dump the trash, the loose trash blows all over the alleys or streets. The city sanitation drivers are not responsible for this loose trash, we are. This has been brought to the ONA's attention several times. Some of us never see this happening because you are at work and those of us who are at home kindly go out and pick it up to keep it from blowing all over the neighborhood. We hope you will take this little hint and start bagging your trash before you put it in "Big Green". Thanks!

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Electricity Emergency	205-3000
Water & Sewer	205-3210
Richard Fricks, City Council	495-7932
ONA Hotline	214 -967-5136

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR FIRE STATION NO. 3

Once again and for the 6th year now, the ONA will be taking Christmas dinner to Fire Station No. 3 and possibly No. 6. As in the past, Oakridge Country Club will be donating the turkey dinners and Albertsons will donate hams, fruit/vegetable platter and pies. So that leaves salads, side dishes, breads and more 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.

Anyone who wishes to participate by baking, cash donations or helping to deliver can contact Luanne Payne at 530-9323. The dinner will be delivered on Christmas day at 10:45. These firemen are so delighted to see us and are always ready to take the kids on a tour of the station and trucks. This exchange of a completely prepared dinner for these hard working firemen is truly a gift from us at this special time of the year.

LAST CHANCE FOR 1998 PASSBOOKS!!

This is your last opportunity to purchase a 1998 Entertainment Passbook for \$30. I will have the books available until December 12th. These books make great gifts for Christmas, birthdays or anniversaries. Remember, you get your money back after 2 or 3 uses. The books have great savings at many fine dining, as well as, casual restaurants. Great savings at hotels all over the U.S. This year's book has an AT&T Calling Card for 30 minutes of free calls. If you are interested in purchasing one of these books, call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 and I will gladly deliver one to you.

Fall Festivities Abound at Oakridge Country Club

Oakridge Country Club has lined up a schedule of exciting events for its Members this Fall, including:

Wine Tasting Dinner Featuring Fetzer Wines
3rd Annual Turkey Gobbler Golf Tournament
Thanksgiving Buffet
Pro Shop and Open House
Champagne Tasting
Breakfast with Santa
New Year's Eve Celebration
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Oakridge Women's Club

At the Last Meeting....

We had a great time at the Oakridge Country Club where we started our Christmas Shopping with the help of representatives from DK Books, Discovery Toys, The House of Llyod, Excel Telecommunications, BeautiControl Cosmetics, Angels of Love Jewelry and our very own Mary Macejewski. Thanks to all who participated in making this event a success! We would like to extend our gratitude to Lil Bowlby of the Oakridge Country Club and her staff for their hard work and warm hospitality. They all did a terrific job...thank you!

Upcoming Events....

Children's Christmas Party -

Once again, we will be hosting a very special children's Christmas party including delicious food and a special visitor from the North Pole! If you are interested in meeting other families right here in Oakridge and treating your little ones to a terrific Christmas celebration please call Lisa Kolacz at 496-5188 for membership information.

Date: Sunday, December 14, 1997
Time: 2:30 - 5:00 PM
Where: Chetna & Varsha Naik's House

Adult Christmas Party-

If you would like to meet your neighbors and indulge in some terrific food please plan on joining us for our annual adult Christmas celebration. Just bring your appetite and a \$10.00 item for our White Elephant gift exchange and meet us on Thursday December 4, 1997 at 7:00 PM at Rugerri's in Addison. If you plan to join us please RSVP with Lisa Kolacz at 496-5188 no later than December 1, 1997 so that we can ensure adequate seating. We hope to see you there!



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CRIME STATISTICS FOR OCT. 1997:

Luanne Payne

Vehicle Burglary

Overview

Thief stole clothes from unlocked car parked on the street. Occurred on Sat. 10/25 at 4:15 am.

Stolen Vehicle (UUMV)

Diamond Oaks

A 1985 Chevrolet Silverado (locked) pick-up was stolen from Country Club parking lot. Occurred on Fri. 10/10 between 4:00 and 11:45 pm.

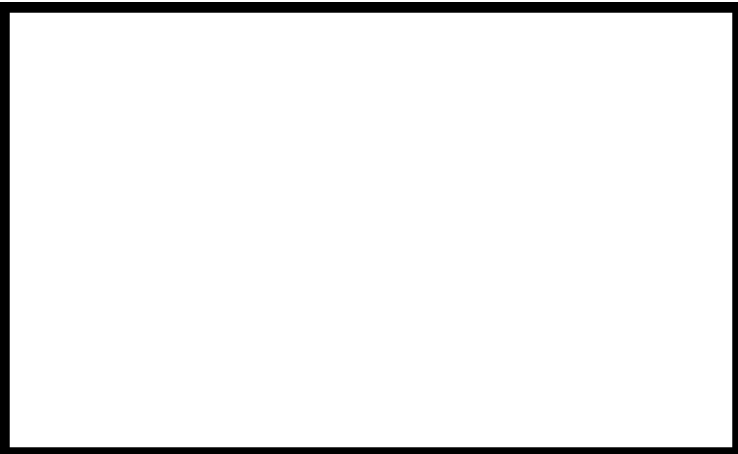
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Diamond Oaks

A 1995 Honda Accord (locked) was stolen from Country Club parking lot. The car was recovered but the air bags had been removed from the vehicle. Occurred on Thurs. 10/23 between 7:30 and 8:30 pm.

Crime was down for the second month in a row. September reported 8 offenses and there are just 3 offenses reported for October. No habitation burglaries were reported and I hope to see our crime stats remain low during the next two months.

Remember when you are out shopping to be more aware of your surroundings. Don't go to the car loaded down with several packages where you have to set it all down to get your keys out to unlock your car. This is when you are a prime target for being abducted or having your valuables stolen. If you



know you are going to have several packages, make several trips to the car. The store clerks will watch your packages while you go to the car.

At home, make sure you keep your doors locked and take the keys out of the doors when you are gone. Set your alarm, if you have one and make sure you put your garage doors down when you get home and then unload your car. If you feel like someone is following you, don't go to your house, drive to a gas station or grocery store and then call the police.

These are just a few helpful hints to keep you from being a victim. Since the ONA does not print a December newsletter, the November and December crime statistics will be published in the January edition. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. See ya next year!



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

As of November 18th, the O.N.A. has 445 paid members. Our membership has never reached the 500 mark yet. Yes I'm still hopeful that we will attain that goal. If anyone is interested in helping me, please give me a call at 414-1098. I realize how busy the holidays are for everyone, so let's make an early New Year's resolution to volunteer in January.

OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON

Lila LaGrassa and Vicki Hanas

The following families were welcomed into Oakridge in November.

- Golden Oaks Charles Trout
- Lone Oak McKie and Charlotte Giles
- Moss Trail Carl and Shirley McBride

My thanks to Lila and Vicki for their continued help in greeting the new homeowners in Oakridge. It is a time consuming job, because it often takes two or three visits to find the homeowner at home. Please call Lila at 530-8618 or the O.N.A. hotline at 214-967-5136 with information on new families in the neighborhood.

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