

# ◊ Oakridge News ◊

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Donna Dayhoff

Happy New Year to All! I hope 1998 is a good year for you and your family.

As we start 1998, we will have a **General Membership Meeting, Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Oakridge C.C. – 7:30 p.m.**

Our program will be on Crime Watch and meeting our Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO). This is a new concept started by the Garland Police Department to help residents know their patrol officer and help keep our neighborhoods safer. So be sure to come and get to know our NPO and hear helpful information for contacting the Garland Police Department.

The Executive Board members and myself are looking forward to seeing you on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### THANK YOU!

A big thanks goes to the Payne's and LaGrassa's for decorating our entry ways and stop sign poles for Christmas. They made Oakridge look very festive for everyone.

The District Directors deserve thanks also for taking the decorations down and storing them for next Christmas.

These people have worked hard for the last 3 years – so that our neighborhood looks nice for the Holiday Season. Keep this in mind and when the first of December rolls around this year offer to **HELP** in getting these decorations put back up and taken down. It's done for everyone's enjoyment.

Thank you to all the people, who delivered or donated food or money for the Christmas dinners that were given to Fire Stations No. 2 and No. 6. These firefighters do appreciate our thoughtfulness.

A special thank you to Luanne for organizing it again this year.

Question? –The candy cane and snowmen that were at the Laurel Oaks entry is missing. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please call the Hotline – 214-967-5136.

**NEEDED** – Anyone interested in being the District Director for District 2 (Laurel Oaks, Big Oaks to Stoneridge and Laurel Oaks Court) please call Donna – 495-3515 or the Hotline – 214-967-5136. Pat Ryals needed to resign due to the fact that they will be moving out-of-state. Thanks Pat for helping the ONA.

### OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

1998 has arrived and I'm still catching up from Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the addition of an upstairs to our home. But the sun is out today, which is a nice change from all our rain and I'm happy to say that our membership is at 450. We're growing every year and most of our new members come from being greeted by Lila and Vicki. I'm sure we all have a neighbor or a friend who is not a member. I would be glad to drop off some information to them. All you need to do is call me at 414-1098 with their name and address. Thank You and Happy New Year.

## OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON

Lila LaGrassa and Vicki Hanas

The following families were welcomed into Oakridge in December.

Bending Oaks Trail	Bobby Ray Carl & Norma Nelson
Big Oaks	Ray Cline Lawrence & Cynthia Jackson Rick Vasquez
Greenview Circle	Charles & Melissa McKeague
Moss Trail	Jim & Pat Tharp
Overview	Flo Williams
Pebblestone	Kevin & Dana Rogers
Richland	Nelson & Kelly Prater

THANK YOU to Bobby Ray, the Tharps, and the Praters for joining the O.N.A. We appreciate your support. Please don't forget to tell us when you see new neighbors moving in. You can either leave a message with Lila at 530-8618 or the O.N.A. hotline at 214-967-5136.

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**CRIME STATISTICS FOR NOV. 1997:**

*Luanne Payne*

**Habitation Burglary**

**Big Oaks**

Thief stole bicycle from open garage but was later retrieved with the help of the resident and other observant neighbors. This occurred on Sun. 11/16 at 3:19 pm.

**Habitation Burglary**

**Lone Oak**

Thief stole bicycle from open garage. Garage was open for only 5 minutes. Occurred on Sun. 11/23 at 4:19 pm.

**Vehicle Burglary**

**Ridge Oak Dr.**

Thief stole CD changer w/remote control, CD's & gold ring from Ford Probe. Occurred during Tues. 11/25 and Wed. 11/26 between the times of 6:30 pm and 6:30 am.

**Vehicle Burglary**

**Diamond Oaks**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred during Thurs. 11/27 and Fri. 11/28 between the times of 11:00 pm and 7:30 am.

**Vehicle Burglary**

**Overview**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred during Thurs. 11/27 and Fri. 11/28 between the times of 9:30 pm and 11:30 pm.

**Criminal Mischief**

**Pepperidge**

Vandal put paint on car causing \$500 damage. Occurred during Tues. 11/4 and Wed. 11/5 between the times of 9:00 pm and 10:00 am.

**Criminal Mischief**

**Stoneridge**

Vandal spray-painted car causing \$100 damage. Occurred during Tues. 11/4 and Wed. 11/5 between the times of 7:00 pm and 12:00 noon.

**Criminal Mischief**

**Lone Oak**

Vandal broke window and smashed windshield causing \$750 damage. Occurred on Sun. 11/9 between midnight and 6:00 am.

Crime was up in November from the previous month of October by 5 offenses. October only had 3 reports and November reported 8 offenses.

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**CRIME STATISTICS FOR DEC. 1997:**

*Luanne Payne*

**Theft \$500 - \$1500**                      **Pepperidge**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred on Tues. 12/16 between 12:00 noon and 12:07 pm.

**Theft \$500 - \$1500**                      **Hickory Bend**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred during Sat. 12/27 and Tues. 12/30 between the times of 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm.

**Theft \$50 - \$500**                                      **Hickory Bend**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred on Mon. 12/1 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

**Theft Under \$50**                                      **Bending Oaks**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred during Wed. 12/17 and Fri. 12/19 between the times of 6:00 pm and 7:30 am.

**Theft Under \$50**                                      **Big Oaks**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred on Sat. 12/27 at 9:30 am.

**UUMV (Stolen Vehicle)**                                      **Hickory Bend**

Jeep Cherokee was stolen from rear driveway and was later recovered. Occurred on Sat. 12/13 between 7:30 pm and Sun. 12/14 at 12:15 am.

**UUMV**                                                              **Meadowridge**

Thief stole riding lawn mower and flatbed trailer valued at \$2,650 from rear of residence. Occurred during Thurs. 12/18 from and Sat. 12/27 between the times of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

**Criminal Mischief**                                      **Diamond Oaks**

Vandal damaged driver's side of vehicle. Occurred on Tues. 12/2 between 12:10 pm and 1:10 pm.

**Criminal Mischief**                                      **Laurel Oaks**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred on Tues.

12/30 at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

**Criminal Mischief**                                      **Suncrest**

Offense not available at this time. Occurred on Sun. 12/28 between midnight and 1:00 am.

Crime was up again for the second month in a row. November reported 8 offenses and December was up by two reports.

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Please plan to attend the next general membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 29th at 7:30 pm at the Country Club. The main topic for the evening will be CRIME PREVENTION and will be presented by several Garland police officers. Come meet Officer Chris Tannock who is the NPO (Neighborhood Police Officer) for the northern

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I hope you enjoy this short story as it is one of my favorites. I wish you all a Happy New Year, and Health and Lots of Love for your families.

Peggy Richey

**THE COOKIE THIEF**

A woman was waiting at an airport one night,  
With several long hours before her flight.  
She hunted for a book in the airport shop,  
Bought a bag of cookies and found a place to drop.

She was engrossed in her book, but happened to see,  
That the man beside her, as bold as could be,  
Grabbed a cookie or two from the bag between,  
Which she tried to ignore, to avoid a scene.

She read, munched cookies, and watched the clock,  
As the gutsy "cookie thief" diminished her stock.  
She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by,  
Thinking, "If I wasn't so nice, I'd blacked his eye!"

With each cookie she took, he took one too.  
When only one was left, she wondered what he'd do.  
With a smile on his face and a nervous laugh,  
He took the last cookie and broke it in half.

He offered her half, as he ate the other.  
She snatched it from him and thought, "Oh brother,  
This guy has some nerve, and he's also rude,  
Why, he didn't even show any gratitude!"

She had never known when she had been go galled,  
And sighed with relief when her flight was called.  
She gathered her belongings and headed for the gate,  
Refusing to look back at the "thieving ingrate."

She boarded the plane and sank in her seat,  
Then sought her book, which was almost complete.  
As she reached in her baggage, she gasped with surprise.  
There was her bag of cookies in front of her eyes!

"If mine are here," she moaned with despair,  
"Then the other were his and he tried to share!"  
Too late to apologize, she realized with grief  
That she was the rude one, the ingrate, the thief!

Valerie Cox  
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## WHERE IS ALL THE SUPPORT?

*Luanne Payne*

I have asked myself this question more than once during the holidays. The reason I bring this up is for one reason. Oakridge is a great place to live and I like to do things to help make this neighborhood a great place to live. That is why I volunteer a great deal of my very busy schedule to help in the ONA.

The topic I would like to address is the Holiday decorations at all nine entryways of Oakridge, as well as, all the stop signs throughout the neighborhood. This is a very time consuming job but the pleasure we all receive as we come and go throughout the holidays is worth it, I guess.

There were only four adults and one child to help put up all these decorations. It took us 4-1/2 hours on Saturday afternoon, two days after Thanksgiving to get this accomplished. This meant our own decorating had to be put on hold. As the five of us worked, people drove in and out and smiled but no one had time to even roll down their window and say "Hey it looks good!" or "Do you need some help?" People walking by did not even comment. We were very disappointed and wondered if anyone really cared if we had decorations or not.

I am pleading with the membership to please step in and volunteer. My strong sense of helping in the ONA has been put on hold because of a close family member being hospitalized during the month of December. Until this family situation is resolved much of my ONA time will have to take a back seat. I have been actively involved in the ONA for all six years. I feel this organization has much to offer if you will just participate.

The ONA desperately needs more members to volunteer if it is to remain in existence. All areas need some volunteers; membership, newsletter, directors, and upcoming officers. We need help for civic & political and the Welcome Wagon. The handful of volunteers we have now cannot continue to carry the load for the whole ONA membership or the neighborhood.

There are 1150 homes in Oakridge and the ONA only has 450 paying members. The annual dues of \$36 goes to pay for the maintenance of the nine entryways and outside perimeter of the brick walls which encloses Oakridge, the water and electricity for four entryways and printing and mailing of the newsletter.

If you have any questions about how the funds are spent, all you have to do is make a phone call to the ONA Hotline and leave your name and number and someone will call you back. The number is 214-967-5136.

If you think you can spare as little as two hours each month to help support your neighborhood, call and leave a message on the ONA Hotline 214-967-5136.

I hope this letter will not be interpreted as a self-serving tribute, but I have too much time and energy invested in this

organization to see it fail because of lack of volunteers.

## WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU?

*Are you an active member,  
the kind who could be missed?*

*Or are you just contented  
that your name is on the list?*

*Do you take an active part  
to help the work along?*

*Or are you satisfied  
to simply just belong?*

*Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the flock?*

*Or do you stay at home  
to criticize and knock?*

*Are you a member booster  
or just one with a kick,  
who leaves the work to a few  
then talks about the clique?*

*Think about this comrade,  
you know right from wrong;*

*Are you an active member  
or do you just belong?*

*By Don McEnroe  
Westside Weekly*

# TAKE TIME TO TRAVEL

## OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Suzanne Fletcher

### The OWC

*What is it...* 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, 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.

### Membership Drive

*You are invited...* Have you thought about attending one of our meetings, but just haven't gotten around to it? Well, don't wait another month! Our February meeting is the perfect event for potential new members to come check us out. We are hosting a wine and cheese social to get to know those who are interested in joining us. We will play a little Keno and winners will take home prizes! Don't miss the fun and the opportunity to make new friends in our neighborhood. We will meet at the home of Maryann Cullum (2012 Overview) Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. We hope to see you there! Call Suzanne (530-8526) for more information.

### Next Month

*Pucker up sweethearts...* plans are underway for a progressive dinner to be held here in Oakridge on February 14<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Valentines Day. Participants will travel to three host family's homes in order to enjoy cocktails with appetizers, dinner and dessert. It's an excellent opportunity spend some time with your loved one and meet some new friends at the same time! If you are interested in joining us please call Sharon Smith (530-3873) for more information.

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Albertsons - Jupiter @ Buckingham, for hams, pies, rolls, chips, salsa and party trays. Thank you Richard Moseley!

Oakridge Country Club - for 2 complete turkey dinners with all the trimmings. Thank you Patti Hulsebus!

### Oakridge families:

The Benners	Fulton
The Dayhoffs	Ridge Oak Dr.
The Elmes/Walkers	Big Oaks
The Fowlers	Bending Oaks
The Gingerichs	Ridge Oak Dr.
The Hagelands	Rolling Oak
The Hanas	Stoneridge
The Holmes/Sullivans	Willow Ridge
The LaGrassas	Diamond Oaks
The Lannings	Laurel Oaks Dr.
The Meurers	Hickory Bend
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