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Message From The President - Donna Dayhoff

I would like to thank everyone, who attended January's General Membership Meeting. We had a great turnout and hopefully the attendance will grow at our next meeting on March 26th.

A Nominating Committee was elected at the January meeting. Members of the committee are:

Luanne Payne	Lila LaGrassa
JoAnne Schmerheim	Vicki Hanas

Doris Autrey

If you are interested in serving on the ONA Board, please contact any member of the committee or call the ONA Hotline 214-967-5136. Please call no later than March 15th.

Also, at the January meeting, members met our Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO), Officer Chris Tannock. His office is located at Woodgate Apartments on Walnut. If you need to contact him, call 972-205-2740. He is available to help us keep Oakridge safer. For more information on the Neighborhood Patrol Officer program read the Garland City Press that was delivered in the mail in January.

The Board and myself would like to welcome Kathy Cypert as the new District 2 Director (Laurel Oaks/Big Oaks area). Kathy has replaced Pat Ryals, who will be moving from Oakridge. Thank you Kathy for volunteering.

Looking forward to seeing you at our March 26th meeting.

**OAKRIDGE
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Early Voting For State/County Primary	February 23 – March 6
State/County Primary Election Day	March 10
(Run-off Election, if needed – March 30)	
Early Voting For City Officials	April 15 – April 28
City Election Day	May 2

All Early Voting for both elections is held at Garland City Hall on 5th Street. If voting on Election Day, our precinct's polling place is Etheridge Elementary on Sam Houston.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

As of February 19, the O.N.A. has 484 members. Recently a few people have joined because they realized they missed reading the monthly newsletter. I think that's great. Let's remember to patronize the companies that have ads in our newsletter and roster. I'm sure they would be happy to hear where you had found their name. As usual, I'm a phone call away from delivering a friend or neighbor the O.N.A. info packet. Please call me at 414-1098 with their name and address.

OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON

Lila LaGrassa, Vicki Hanas, and Luanne Payne

The following families were welcomed into Oakridge in January and February.

Big Oak	Michelle Slater
Greenview Circle	Bob and Barbara Bianchi
Hearthside Lane	Barbara Harvison Carolyn Lewis
Hickory Bend	Alma Hasbrook
Laurel Oak	Linda Antibus
Lone Oak Trail	Eric and Marilyn Swanson
Overview	Cindy Brown Johnnie Jarrett
Ridge Oak	Chip and Mary Van Pelt Felix and Gloria Rotello
Stoneridge	An Le Sandy Plum
Winding Oak	Ron Torbak and Sandy Maher
Windy Ridge	Jerry and Molly Turner

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THANK YOU to Barbara Harvison, Carolyn Lewis, Alma Hasbrook and the Rotellos for joining the O.N.A. We still need your help when you notice a new family moving in. Please call LILA at 530-8618 or the O.N.A. hotline at 214-967-5136 with your new neighbors name and address.

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The refrigerator repairman is coming today but you have an important meeting

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- **CORPORATE EVENTS**
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Private Mortgage Insurance

How Long Is It On Your Loan?

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A Realtor can give you a market analysis and some mortgage companies may accept them. It is at the discretion of each company whether or not they will require an appraisal. In some cases you have to pursue mortgage companies to remove the PMI, but it is well worth the effort. A savings of 50.00 per month equals 600.00 per year and \$ 6,000.00 for 10 years and \$ 12,000.00 for 20 years.

Peggy Richey, CRS,GRI

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CRIME STATISTICS FOR JAN. 1998

Luanne Payne

Vehicle Burglary

Ridge Oak Dr.

Thief broke driver's window and stole stereo equipment. Occurred on Fri. 1/9 during the hours of 1:00 am and 11:00 am.

Theft \$50 - \$500

Stoneridge

Cell phone was stolen from residence during a party. Occurred between Fri. 1/9 and Sat. 1/10 during the hours of 11:20 pm and 4:00 am.

Theft \$50 - \$500

Hickory Bend

Big Green Trash bin was stolen from residence. Occurred between Sun. 1/18 at 6:00 pm and Mon. 1/19 at 8:00 am.

Theft \$50 - \$500

Diamond Oaks

Cell phone was stolen from purse. Occurred on Sat. 1/24 during the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

Criminal Mischief

Laurel Oaks Ct.

Christmas decorations were vandalized on property. Occurred on Fri. 1/2 during the hours of midnight and 7:00 am.

Criminal Mischief

Winding Oak

Vandal broke window on Ford Explorer causing \$500 damage. Occurred between Thurs. 1/29 at 7:00 pm and Fri. 1/30 at 7:30 am.

Criminal Mischief

Big Oaks

Vandal broke window on Geo Storm causing \$120 damage. Occurred on Fri. 1/30 during the hours of 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm.

Crime was down from the month of December by a total of 3 offenses. December reported 10 and January 1998 reported only 7 offenses.

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Lone Star Gas	800-817-8090
Sanitation	205-3420
Environmental Code	205-3374
Animal Control	205-3570
Poison Center	590-5000
Street Light Repair	205-3483
Electricity Emergency	205-3000
Water & Sewer	205-3210
Richard Fricks, City Council	495-7932
Chris Tannock, NPO	205-2740
ONA Hotline	214 -967-5136

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. If you are interested in joining us please call Lisa Kolacz at 496-5188 for membership information.

This Month

Welcome.... The wine and cheese social was a lot of fun and the highlight was that we gained two new members. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Sheila Wange and Emma McDonald. We are very glad that you joined us! We look forward to getting to know you and your families better.

Sweet Success... Our progressive dinner held on February 14th in celebration of Valentines Day was a huge success. Participants traveled to three host family's homes in order to enjoy cocktails with appetizers, dinner and dessert. Thanks to all who participated in making this a fun-filled affair. A special thanks goes out to Sharron Smith for coordinating this event.

Next Month

Mark your calendars and join Us... The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM at the Oakridge Country Club. We will be making plans for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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*It's not for money or any fame,
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It's just for love of fellow man,
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That's something you can't buy
with wealth.*

*It's not medals worn with pride,
It's for that feeling deep inside.
It's that reward down in your heart,
It's a feeling that you've been a part
of helping others far and near,
that make you be a Volunteer.*

from Volunteer News

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