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President's Message - Donna Dayhoff

The Board and myself would like to thank all the members, who attended the March Membership Meeting. Our program on Code Enforcement was very informative in letting us know what the City can enforce. Dr. Kim Haynes, City Veterinarian explained to us about the "new" leash law, which states "your pet must be under control of the owner at all times if out of a fenced-in area." This means that even in your own yard (if not a fenced-in area) your pet should be on a leash.

The Code Enforcement Department representatives referenced City Sign Ordinance 5045 for our information. This ordinance refers to contractor, realty and campaign signs. On contractor's signs they should go up 24 hours (1 day) prior to work beginning and must be removed by 5:00 p.m. the day after the work is complete. All signs (contractors, realtors and campaigns) must be placed in the homeowner's yard not in the parkway. The City can pull these signs up if they are not in compliance. Homeowner's please keep this in mind - so that our neighborhood does not look like a "war zone" or a "campaign rally." The way our neighborhood looks should matter to us ALL!

We are getting close to starting another year for the O.N.A. One of the changes you will notice for 1998-99 is we have added two new District Directors. We will have seven districts instead of five. This change was done with the by-law changes approved at the March Membership Meeting. In adding two more districts, the residences will be better served because this makes each district have approximately the same number of residences to serve. More information will be in the May newsletter explaining whose district your home will be in starting in June.

We would like to thank Mary Fowler for being District One Director for the past year. Mary has resigned and in her place we welcome Judee and Jay Houston.

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For Your Information

Several people have wondered about the beautiful trees that have been planted down Buckingham from Jupiter east to North Garland Road. Yes some of this is our tax dollars at work but the section planted between Jupiter and Shiloh which surrounds the south side of Oakridge was a donation from Mr. Harold A. Pollman. Mr. Pollman owns the Richland Apartments across Buckingham from Oakridge. He donated \$3,000 to plant 38 flowering pear trees to the Parks & Recreation Department for use in the City Tree Donation & Landscape program.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

As of April 15, the O.N.A. has 490 members. I feel confident that we'll reach my goal of 500 members before June 1, 1998. As usual any help would be greatly appreciated. As our current year ends soon, I will be completing my third year as Membership Chairperson. Wally and Joanne Schmerheim have updated the computer roster during my term of office. Their hard work is greatly appreciated. Joanne had done the entire job for numerous years before me. I would still enjoy being involved on this committee, but I no longer have the time needed to be the Chairperson. Please give this opportunity some serious consideration. It is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and form new friendships.

OAKRIDGE WELCOME WAGON

Lila LaGrassa & Vicki Hanas

The following families were welcomed into Oakridge in March.

Golden Oaks	Maurice and Constance Lofton
Hearthside Lane	Rick Gill
Peakwood	Billye Hoffman

Now that spring is here we'll be having more families move into the neighborhood. Please make them feel welcome and go and introduce yourself to them. Please call LILA at 530-8618 or the O.N.A. hot-line at 214-967-5136 with your new neighbors name and address.

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Brush & Bulky Items Collection

Residential yard waste, brush, appliances, furniture and other bulky items which are too large to fit into the green trash cans are collected once a week. Collections for Oakridge is scheduled for every Tuesday. If it is not picked up on Tuesday it will be picked up on Wednesday. Sometimes they run behind depending on how large the collections are.

Items that will be collected are: brush, tree limbs & tree trunks, bagged leaves & grass clippings, appliances, furniture, plumbing fixtures, fence material, lumber, insulation, gypsum board (broken & placed in cardboard box), siding, paneling, flooring, carpet & pads, plastic sheeting & plastic laminate, piping and wiring.

Items that will not be collected are: roofing material, concrete, asphalt, rocks, dirt, bricks, tires (with or without wheels), unbagged garbage or trash outside the trash container, bagged garbage or trash outside the trash container, lawn waste or construction debris generated at another address (contractor waste).

Acceptable bulky items (including appliances) can be placed at curbside after 6:00 am the day before the scheduled collection day. Lawn waste (bagged leaves, grass clippings or brush) may be placed at curbside any day of the week. For further

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Animal Ordinance Changes

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Some changes have been made at the Garland Animal Service. The Animal Services Ordinance has been updated to enable the City to deal with trends in pet ownership and other animal service issues. Adoption fees will increase from \$29 to \$60. This new price includes sterilization, City registration and rabies vaccinations.

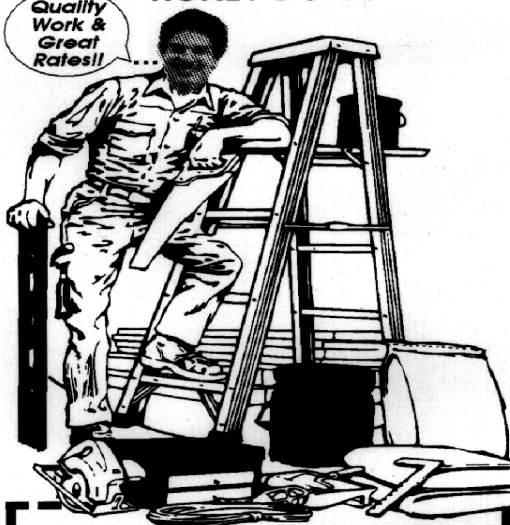
City registration fees will change to \$10 for unsterilized cats and dogs over six months old. Sterilized pets or those under six month of age will be registered for \$5. Ferrets, pot-belly pigs, pygmy goats, and certain reptiles are now allowed by permit only. Owners of these animals must meet specific requirements and pay a \$25 annual fee. Roosters and peacocks are no longer allowed.

Also, you must have your dog on a leash when in an unfenced yard. This applies if you are working in your front yard with your dog. The dog must be restrained by a leash or you could be fined if Animal Control happened to drive by. They say you never know how your dog will react if another dog or cat was out or an individual was walking by. This is for your protection as well as the other person. For more information you can contact Animal Control Services at 205-3570.

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OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 29, 1998

Donna Dayhoff called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. There were approximately 47 people present. Donna read the minutes and they were approved. Donna asked any new people to introduce themselves. Eight people got up and told us where they lived.

Treasurer Report - Dan Jones
Dan presented the 97-98 budget for approval. He stated that we have a yearly income of approximately \$22,288.00. Clara Mae Meurer made a motion to accept the budget and Cy Farver seconded it. The motion passed. The majority of our money is spent on maintenance and the rest is spent on postage, newsletters, and welcome wagon. Yearly income is from membership dues and passbook sales. Expenses to date are \$13,408. Current balance is \$17,709.42.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Director Reports:

3 - Vickie Hanas - nothing to report
5 - John Sholden - nothing to report
Luanne Payne handed out district maps

Membership: - Mary Musseman reported we have 477 paid members.

Environmental: - Cy Farver
There are 29 concrete blocks missing from the top of the pillars on the brick fence. Cy recommended to give notification to homeowners to get replaced within 10 days. No motion was made. A homeowner on Shiloh came home and found kids breaking the blocks. Cy recommended to have them replaced and then invoice the homeowner. The cost would be \$10.00 each and the landscaper would do all of them. Motion was made and it passed. A blue ford turned onto Laurel Oaks and hit the concrete post in the median, and possibly a brick mail box on Big Oaks. Does anyone know their identity?

Crime Watch: Luanne Payne
Nothing to report.

Homeowners Coalition - Joanne Schmerheim
Nothing to report.

Newsletter: - Del Farver is now going to be doing the newsletter. Articles and classified ads are to be given to her. (A correction was made at the March 26th meeting, that Jackie Griffin will continue with the printing of the Newsletter.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Unfinished Business - We hope that the stop signs have slowed traffic down.

New Business - District 2 - Kathy Cypert has taken over for Pat Ryals.

The following nominations were taken from the floor for the nominating committee. Luanne Payne, Lila LaGrassa, Joanne Schmerheim, Vickie Hanas and Doris Autrey. John Sholden made a motion that the nominations cease and Marcus Meurer seconded it. The motion passed and Luanne Payne was appointed chairman. District #3 has 358 houses. It should be split. John Sholden made a motion to add a district director to the board and Clara Mae Meurer seconded it. The motion passed and it will be submitted to the by-laws committee.

Other Business - Luanne Payne asked if anyone was interested in the Citizens On Patrol; to please call her because the police department will have training classes sometime in April.

Program - Mike Aguirre, crime watch officer Patrick McCully, and Chris Tannock, Neighborhood Police Officers were the guest speakers for our program. They each spoke and then opened the floor for questions.

Donna Dayhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Ballot for 1998-99 ONA Officers & Directors

The below list of names was presented by the nominating committee at the March 26th General Membership meeting to represent the new Officers and Directors for the upcoming year. These names will be voted on at the May 27th General Membership meeting to serve for the next term of office.

OFFICERS

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

<u>President:</u>	Donna Dayhoff	<u>District 3:</u> (Sec. 10 - Duplexes)	Diane Edwards (newly formed District)
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Cleburne Raney	<u>District 4:</u> (Sec. 11)	Morris Johnson
<u>Secretary:</u>	Becky Thomas	<u>District 6:</u> (Sec. 3 & 6)	Nelson Prater
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Dan Jones	<u>District 7:</u> (Sec. 7 & 8)	Mary Macejewski (newly formed District)

All the officers with the exception of Cleburne Raney have volunteered for a second term. The following is a brief background on the new volunteers:

- Cleburne Raney:** Cleburne and his wife, Lura, of 9 years, have lived in Oakridge for 8 years. Cleburne has been with the GISD for 20 years in administration. Lura is also in administration with GISD. They have one daughter who is a teacher in Oklahoma. Cleburne is looking forward to promoting more participation in the ONA.
- Diane Edwards:** Diane moved to Oakridge one year ago but has been a resident of Garland of 15 years. She is looking forward to representing the duplexes in District 3 which is Oakridge Section 10.
- Morris Johnson:** Morris and his wife, Bobbie, of 37 years, have lived in Oakridge for 8 years. They have 2 daughters, 3 grandsons, and 1 granddaughter. Morris retired after 36 years with Dnnn & Bradstreet as Sr. V.P. of Sales & Management Development. He now works part-time as Executive Director for two national trading associations. Morris and Bobbie both are avid golfers. He is looking forward to working as your District Director 4 for Section 11 of Oakridge.
- Nelson Prater:** Nelson and his wife, Kelly, of 14 years, have just recently moved into Oakridge last December. The Praters have been residents of Garland for 11 years. They have 2 children. Nelson works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. His main reason for volunteering his time in the ONA as a District Director is to help obtain 100% membership.
- Mary Macejewski:** Mary and her husband, Keith, of 10 years, have lived in Oakridge for 9 years. They have 2 children. Mary is very active with the Oakridge Women's Club here in the neighborhood. She is looking forward to being your District Director for Oakridge Section 7 & 8.

The other 3 District Directors who are continuing their two year terms are:

- District 1:** Mary Fowler was unable to complete her 2 year term. Jay & Judee Houston have volunteered to continue with this term. The Houston's have been married for 21 years and lived in Oakridge for 14 years. They have 2 daughters. They are both looking forward to working with the ONA.
- District 2:** Barbara Clark is continuing her two year term.
- District 5:** Pat Ryals was unable to complete her 2 year term. Kathy Cypert has volunteered to continue with this term. Kathy and her husband, Tom, of 15 years have lived in Oakridge for 15 years.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR MARCH 1998:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary

Big Oaks

Thief entered open garage and stole money and stereo from unlocked car. Occurred on Mon. 3/16 at 10:20 pm.

Theft Under \$50: These four offenses all were reports of green trash cans being stolen from residence.

Shady Oaks Ct.: Occurred between Sun. 3/15 and Mon. 3/16 during the hours 7:00 pm and 7:30 am.

Grand Oak: Occurred between Sat 3/14 and Sun 3/15 during the hours of 8:00 pm and 9:00 am.

Ridge Oak Dr.: Occurred between Fri. 3/27 and Sat. 3/28 during the hours of 7:30 am and 7:30 am.

Big Oaks: Occurred between Mon. 3/23 and Tues. 3/24 during the hours of noon and 10:00 am.

Criminal Mischief

Diamond Oaks

Keys were left in maintenance cart belonging to the Country Club. Cart was driven into the creek.

Crime was up by 5 reported offenses from the month of February which reported only one offense. As you can see from the report above, the list of offenses are not serious and could have been prevented in most cases. As far as the green trash cans being stolen if you see someone driving or walking down the street with a big green trash can in their possession, there is something wrong with that picture. Call the police and report it. This month several green trash cans were stolen or either blew away from the property during all the high winds we have had during the past month. This was reported to the police all over Garland as being stolen, which increased the monthly crime statistics for the whole city. One more note on this, the trash cans are only supposed not to be put out before 7:00 pm on Monday and brought back in by 7:00 pm on Tuesday. If you have no room for these lovely bins in your garage, you might be able to put it in a more secluded place.

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Richard Fricks, City Council	495-7932
Chris Tannock, NPO	205-2740
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Home Security Alarm Permits

If you have a home security system that is audible from the outside, there is a city ordinance that you must be registered with the Garland Police Alarm Division. This permit is only \$20 every two years and can be obtained by calling 205-2127. Whether your alarm system is monitored or not, a permit is required. If your system goes off and a concerned neighbor calls to report it to the police, you could be fined \$255 if you do not have a permit with the Garland Police department.

Call Before You Build

Before adding a storage building (i.e. Morgan Bldgs.), detached garages, decks, porch covers, or any other structure, you need to call Building Inspection at 205-2300. Restrictions as to size and placement of these structures vary within the city and building permits are required. Pools, hot tubs, garage conversions, carports, and many other improvements also require building permits. If you do not check with Building Inspection before you build and get a permit, you could be asked to remove the structure or pay a very steep fine. This has happened on numerous occasions because of the size and placement of the structure did not meet the restrictions.

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