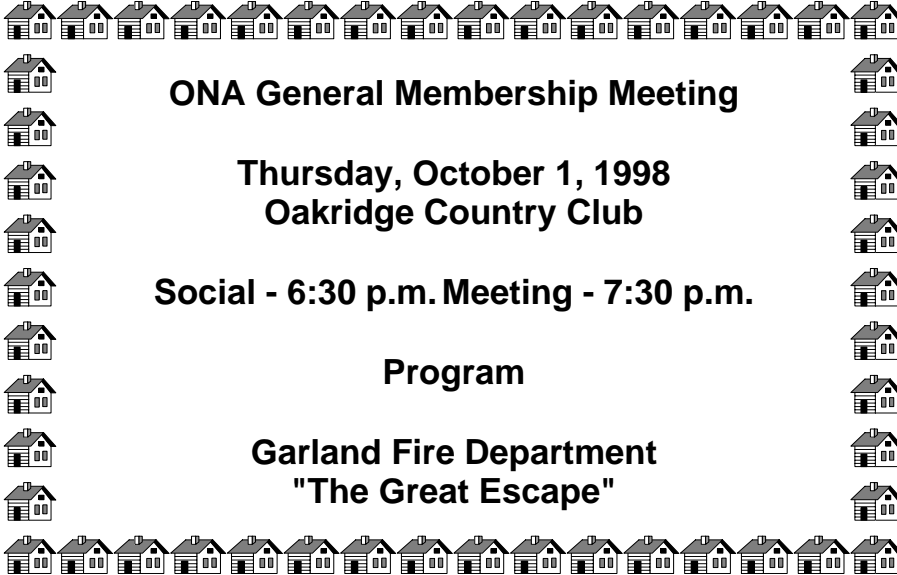


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ONA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 1998
Oakridge Country Club

Social - 6:30 p.m. Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Program

Garland Fire Department
"The Great Escape"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Donna Dayhoff

I hope that you have survived the days of summer and the heat. Now we are back trying to get into the school or fall routine. As I mentioned in our August newsletter starting in September the O.N.A. would be going back to our "routine" of mailing the newsletter to members only. So, if one of your friends or neighbors ask why they did not receive their copy, ask them to join us so they can.

We will be holding our first 1998-99 Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 1st at Oakridge Country Club. There will be a Social Hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. (come early and meet your neighbors) and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Our program will be given by the Garland Fire Department "The Great Escape" (helpful information on how to prepare your family for a fire drill should you ever have a fire in your home). We also will have helpful information available about Halloween costume "safety" for children.

The O.N.A. Board members and myself are looking forward to meeting and seeing you at our meeting. A good opportunity to meet the firemen, who care about the safety of your home and life.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

It's September 12th and I always find it hard to believe it has been a month since I wrote my last article. Our total membership as of this date is 399. I had about 60 families that did not renew after the second notice was sent out. Life is too short to worry about them and we will focus on getting new members through the Welcome Wagon. Thank you again and have a wonderful fall season.

WELCOME WAGON

Luanne Payne

The District Directors were out this past week getting us caught up on welcoming our new residents into Oakridge. The following families were welcomed:

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| District 1: | Diamond Oaks
Diamond Oaks
Golden Oaks
Golden Oaks | Kemal & Barbara Moula
Steve & Janet Hodges
Te-Chi & Lo Lin
James & Lisa Johnson |
| District 2: | Diamond Oaks
Diamond Oaks
Diamond Oaks
Lone Oak
Lone Oak
Moss Trail
Rolling Oak | Mike & Jill Burnett
Bill & Suzanne Johnson
Carlene Miller (Joined ONA)
Phillip & Cheryl Brown
Creighton & Rosemary Bruton
CK & Eunok Park
Walter & Tiffany Cervin |
| District 4: | Oak Point | Don Jacks (ONA member & relocated from Peakwood) |
| District 6: | Richland | Donna Vesno (Joined ONA) |
| District 7: | Hickory Bend | Jeannine Mason (Joined ONA) |

We hope all the new families will enjoy living in Oakridge and will also consider joining the ONA. If you are a neighbor of one of these new families, please go over and introduce yourself and make them feel

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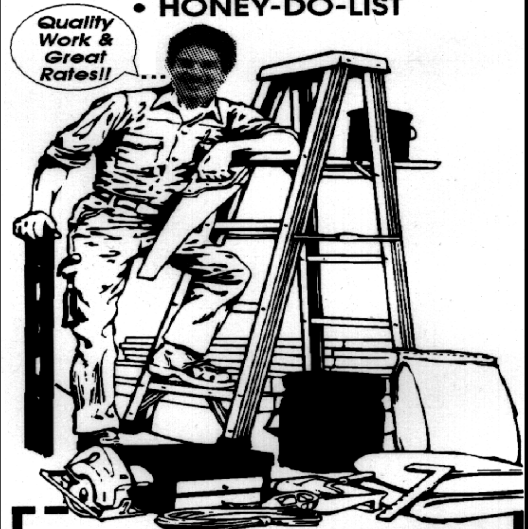
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News From District 5 Director

Kathy Cypert

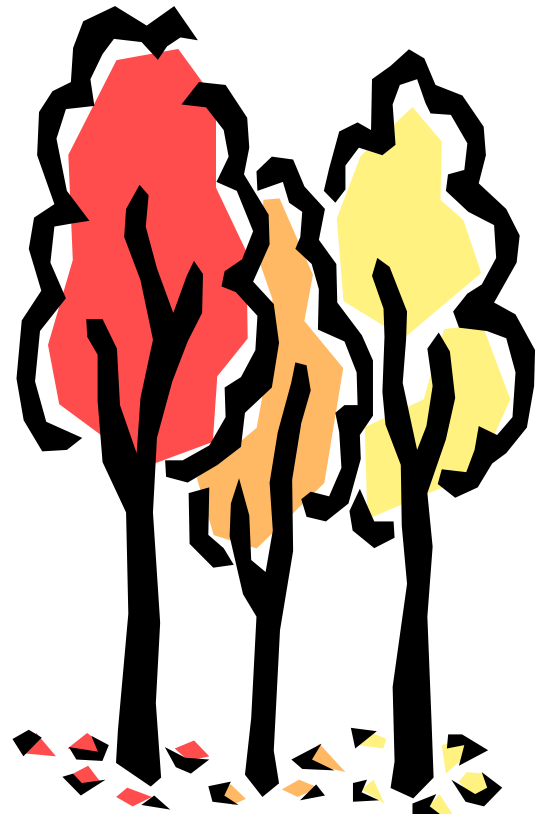
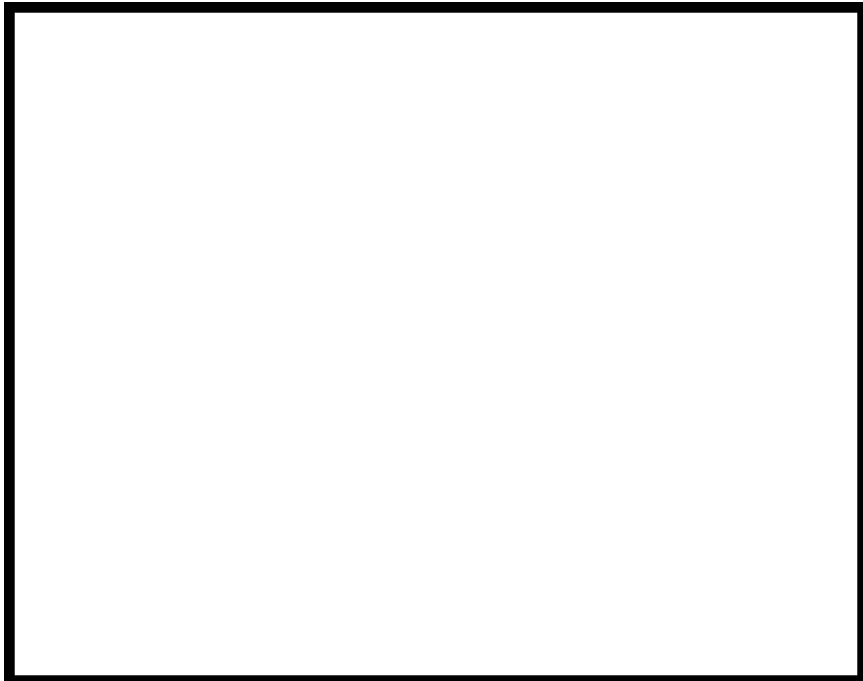
My husband, Tom, and I have lived in Oakridge since July of 1983. We have lived in the same house that has been renovated a few times to accommodate our two children Molly and Jackson, 3 cats and the steady flow of neighborhood children. I have been asked several times, "How many kids do you have?" Tom is an Internal Auditor for the Federal Government, enjoys golf and the Country Club pool. I worked at Baylor Hospital in Dallas for 14 years and quit to stay home full time with my children. I volunteer at the elementary school that Jackson attends, which includes being "Carnival Chairman" for the second year in a row.

In the fifteen years that we have lived here, we have made a lot of friends. We feel fortunate to be a part of this community. Many of our friends who have moved away wish they were back. Oakridge is a friendly neighborhood and people who live here seem to genuinely want to meet their neighbors, which is not the case in some communities. We believe involvement in the Neighborhood Association will help keep this neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place to live.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER:

Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, October 1st to attend the ONA General Membership meeting at the Country Club. Come early during the social hour and meet your neighbors and the ONA Board Members. Then be sure to stay for the presentation from the Garland Fire Department. They will be talking about "The Great Escape", which is how to get out of your house in case of a fire or any other emergency.

There will also be a gentleman there to take orders for the alley address signs with the crime watch eye on them. These signs are \$10 and Mr. Cowan is returning \$5 for each sign he makes back to the ONA. The 1999 Entertainment Passbooks will also be available to look at and purchase. The books are \$30 and the ONA earns \$6 on each book. The Membership committee will be there for anyone wishing to join the ONA or for late renewals. This will be your last opportunity to get your name in the '98-'99 ONA directory.



CRIME STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 1998:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary – Big Oaks:

Thief stole golf clubs off golf cart parked in open garage. Offense occurred on Sun. 8/16 at 7:30 am.

Habitation Burglary – Rolling Oak:

Thief stole tools from open garage. Offense occurred on Thurs. 8/20 between 8:30 am & 9:00 pm.

Vehicle Burglary – Greenview Dr.:

Thief broke door handle in unsuccessful attempt to break into Ford pickup parked on driveway. Offense occurred between 7:00 pm on Sun. 8/2 and 7:00 am on Mon. 8/3.

Vehicle Burglary – Stoneridge:

Thief stole CD's, organizer and sunglasses valued at \$465 from Chevy pickup. Offense occurred on Mon. 8/3 between 8:30 pm and 10:00 pm.

Vehicle Burglary – Lone Oak:

Thief stole CD's & case from Honda Civic. Offense occurred between 11:00 pm on Wed. 8/12 and 7:15 on Thurs. 8/13.

Vehicle Burglary – Oak Point:

Thief attempted unsuccessfully pry open passenger side door. Offense occurred between 10:00 pm on Wed. 8/12 and 8:00 am on Thurs. 8/13.

Vehicle Burglary – Stoneridge:

Thief stole AM/FM CD player, wallet and briefcase from vehicle. Offense occurred between 9:00 pm on Wed. 8/12 and 6:30 am on

Thurs. 8/13.

Theft \$50-\$500 – Creighton:

Thief stole a go-cart out of the front yard. Offense occurred on Fri. 8/14 between 7:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

Theft Under \$50 – Lone Oak:

Thief stole license plates from vehicle. Offense occurred between 12:00 pm on Mon. 8/17 and 12:00 pm on Thurs. 8/20.

The crime statistics remained the same from the previous month in July with a total of 9 offenses. As you can see from above, three of the vehicle burglaries occurred during the same time frame and days. One of these was an unsuccessful attempt. Earlier in the month there was also another unsuccessful attempt to break into a vehicle. Please do not leave any valuables in your vehicle whether it is locked or not. Also, please remember to keep your garage doors closed at all times. It only takes a few seconds for someone to drive up in a pickup and load your valuables and drive off. These people are quick and very sly. If you see any suspicious vehicles driving slowly down your alley or street, call 911 with a description of the vehicle, license number and occupants. If you are unable to get the license number that's okay as long as you have a good description of the vehicle.

KUDOS TO THE GARLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT!

The Garland Police Department won first place in the Law & Order magazine's International Police Vehicle Design contest for 1998. The vehicle design that won is the three-badge medley that reflects the department's history of badges. The magazine hailed Garland's design as "an attractive, classy image" in its July issue. The police department donated its winnings of \$400 to the New Beginning Center, a Garland based organization that counsels abused women. Way to go GPD!!

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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Luanne Payne

This article is about Sue Hageland of “Let Sue Do It”. She would rather remain anonymous but this story is worthy of telling. Sue lovingly takes care of many pets and homes here in Oakridge for a very reasonable fee. Some people hire her to just look in on their pets during the day since they may work long hours. Others hire her to take care of their pets while away on vacation so they don’t have to put them in a kennel. She also brings in the mail and papers and even waters your plants if needed. What a great service she provides!

This past Labor Day weekend she was taking care of a home with two dogs and two kittens. The first day the people were gone was normal. But the morning of the second day when Sue got out of her car she immediately smelled natural gas. With the pets foremost on her mind, she opened the door to find the pets frantic to get out of the house, as the house was full of gas. She immediately got them outside and called 911. The fire department arrived within 5 minutes. After their arrival, they were able to locate the gas leak from a broken connection behind the clothes dryer. The owners had just had a new kitchen floor installed two days before they left and the firemen believe the valve knob was broken by a workman who simply stuck it back in the gas connection, not realizing how serious a gas leak could be. The firemen think the kittens knocked something behind the dryer while playing on top of it which knocked the knob off the gas connection. This was a very serious situation but the house and the pets survived because of Sue taking care of their house while they were gone.

The main reason for sharing this story with all of you is to let you know that if you need someone to take care of your pets or house while you are away, you don’t have to look far. Sue has had to deal with many kinds of emergencies that always seem to arise while we are away. Such as, water heaters, broken pipes, sprinkler systems, air conditioning or heating, and sick pets. These things always seem to break while on a vacation and when we return the vacation is over! It is always a good idea to leave numbers for these kinds of emergencies and a house key with whoever takes care of your home and pets.

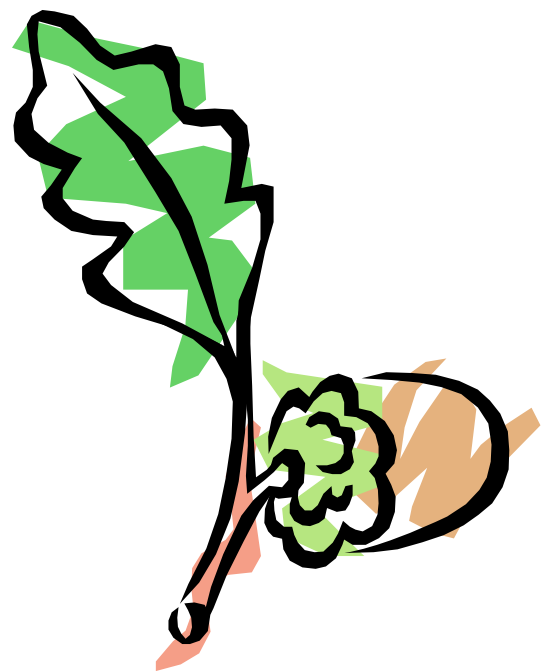


OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

Roberta Jones

What a wonderful beginning of our new neighborhood social club, Oakridge Daytimers on September 15th!! Seventeen of us chatted, ate goodies and just got to know each of our neighbors better which is the real purpose for forming this group. We also discussed future plans for outings and activity groups with Out-To-Lunch Bunch, Bridge and Crafts being the most popular as indicated on the info sheet.

Several fun events are upcoming in the next few months with the first Tuesday of each month being our targeted meeting date. Our first outing will be on Tuesday, October 6th to ANTIQUELAND in Plano on the SE corner of Custer and 15th. We’ll be meeting at the front of Roberta Jones home at 2601 Oak Point Drive at 9:45 AM for those wishing to car pool. We’ll shop the antique mall in the morning with lunch in the private Tea Garden at 11:45 AM. We would love to have any of you Oakridge ladies join us , so just give Roberta a call at 414-7277 to make your reservation by Friday, October 2nd. Looking forward to hearing from you so that you too can begin to feel a welcome and warmth in this great



What are the Pros & Cons of a 15 vs 30 Year Loan?

Peggy Richey

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The most obvious benefit would be the amount of interest saved with a fifteen-year loan. For example, the total interest over the life of a 30-year loan of \$100,000 at 10% amounts to \$215,929.17, while total interest on a similar 15-year loan is \$93,271.41 ... for a savings of \$122,657.

But interest isn't the only consideration. The amount of time you plan on holding the property is important. Statistically, most loans retire in less than seven years, thus making your interest savings between the loans in our example less than \$7,000. Also, there would be less mortgage interest to deduct come tax time. When you consider that the monthly payment in our example is \$197.04 more on a fifteen year loan, that the monthly difference invested at 8 percent could accumulate over \$47,000 for you over the 12-year projected loan life.

It all depends on your saving and spending habits. You can always add additional principle payments to your thirty-year loan as there are no pre-payment penalties today and those penalties are only seen in some ARM programs.

Now may be the time for some of you to refinance. The old rule of thumb for refinancing to be worth while was that the new interest rate needed to be 2% lower than the old interest rate. The old rules on refinancing are GONE! It depends on what your specific needs are and what plan is available for your specific financing needs. If you have any questions a mortgage lender will be glad to pencil out the options for you using various payment schedules. Now may be the time to investigate these options with

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OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Libby Morse

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Come and join at the Oakridge Women's Club. We meet the first Tuesday of each month! It is a great way to get to know your neighbors, their families and have fun! Outings are scheduled with a variety of interests in mind. We have holiday parties for the kids, nights out for the girls, and couple only activities that are great fun! Please join us! Our dues are only \$15 per year! Just call Sharon Spurgeon at 496-7085 for membership information.

This Month

At the last meeting we met at Desperadoes! Our new president Mary Anne Cullum presented flowers to members Sharron Smith, Mary Macejewski, Kay Steelman, and Suzanne Fletcher. They all helped to make last year a great success!

We discussed upcoming events, and planned next years meeting places. This month our couples activity will be a trip to the Improv. It is Saturday September 26th at 6:30. Call Sharon Smith at 530-3873 for details and to reserve your place!

Next Month

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th. Please join us at 7:00pm for snacks. The business portion of meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm. This month it is at Emma McDonald's at 2606 Crestedge Dr.



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1999 Entertainment Passbooks

The books are in and look great! It still has the scratch-off card for all the fine dining restaurants, but the savings are great. If you would like to purchase one of these books for \$30 (the ONA earns \$6 from each sale), please call Luanne Payne at 530-9323 and I will deliver you a book.



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