

Oakridge News

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President's Message - Donna Dayhoff

The 1998 Holiday Season is fast approaching us. If you are like me, it seems it was just yesterday that we stuffed ourselves with turkey and dressing and put away the Christmas decorations. But it is that time again and this year as we have in the past years we will be decorating the development and furnishing Christmas dinner to Fire Stations No. 2 and No. 6.

In both these events, volunteers are the ones, who make them happen. So if you can help decorate, call your District Director or the Hot-Line and volunteer to put up Christmas decorations on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28th and 29th.

If you cannot help with decorating, volunteer to help with the Christmas dinners by donating a vegetable dish, dessert or money. The firemen really appreciate our thoughtfulness to them since they are spending Christmas Day away from their homes. If you want to help out call the Hot-Line and leave your name and telephone number. Help others have an enjoyable Christmas Dinner, too.

Recipes - The November 21st deadline for our cookbook recipes has been extended to December 1st. Share your favorite recipe (s) for our neighborhood cookbook. Use the enclosed form and if you have more than one recipe (which we hope you will) use an 8x11-1/2 sheet of paper. Follow the format on the recipe form. I hope you all will take the time to participate in this fundraiser for O.N.A. Send recipes to the address listed on the form. Any further questions call Donna.

The next newsletter will be mailed in January 1999. The Board and myself wish all the O.N.A. members a Happy Holiday

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CRIME STATISTICS FOR OCT. 1998:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary – Richoak:

Burglar broke a window in the rear of the house. Various items were stolen. Offense occurred on Fri. 10/2 between 7:00 am & 2:45 pm.

Habitation Burglary – Pebblestone:

Burglar broke glass in rear French door. Various items were stolen. Offense occurred on Mon. 10/19 between 6:20 am & 5:30 pm.

Habitation Burglary – Big Oaks:

Burglar entered open garage and stole golf clubs & bag and other equipment. Offense occurred between 9:00 pm on Wed. 10/21 and 1:00 pm on Fri. 10/23.

Vehicle Burglary – Laurel Oaks:

Attempted burglary of '96 Grand Cherokee was reported to police. Offense occurred on Thurs. 10/1 between 5:00 am & 11:30 am.

Theft \$50 - \$500 – Big Oaks:

Thief stole wicker furniture from front porch of residence. Offense occurred between 7:30 pm on Mon. 10/5 and 7:15 am Tues. 10/6.

Theft Under \$50 – Rolling Oaks:

Thief stole license plates from vehicle parked on rear driveway. Offense occurred between 12:30 pm on Fri. 10/9 and 10:00 am on Sat. 10/10.

Criminal Mischief – Big Oaks:

Vandal broke windshield & headlights on '80 Oldsmobile. Offense occurred on Mon. 10/5 between midnight & 9:00 am.

Criminal Mischief – Diamond Oaks:

Vandal smashed pumpkins against mailbox and broke post. Offense occurred between 5:00 pm on Fri. 10/30 and 8:30 am on Sat. 10/31.

The crime statistics decreased by 1 offense from the previous month of September which reported 9 offenses. Vehicle burglaries were down by 4 reports, but habitation burglaries were up by 1 report. With the busy holiday season approaching, please take more precautions when leaving your home. Make sure to lock up, turn your alarms on and have someone you trust take care of your house while you are away. Leave numbers you can be reached at in case of emergencies. When shopping, always be aware of your surroundings and don't walk to your car at night by yourself. I hope some of these helpful safety tips will help you have a safe and pleasant holiday season. Look for the November and December statistics in the January '99 newsletter.

LET SUE DO IT

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

LET SUE DO IT

You need a week away, but Kitty and Rover don't want to go to the Kennel

LET SUE DO IT

The possibilities are endless (and the prices are reasonable)

- Pet/House Sitting
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- Etc., Etc.

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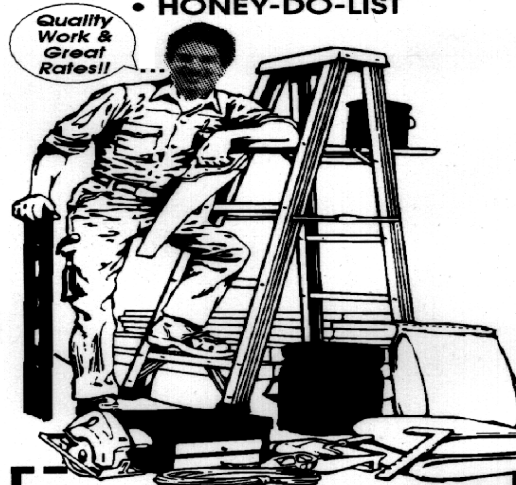
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

It's November 16th and everyone should have received their ONA Directory. If for some reason you did not receive your copy, please call me at 972-414-1098 and I will deliver one to you. If there were any errors in your name, address, or phone number, I regret the mistake. Please call me so that I can make corrections for our records. My sincere THANKS go to Luanne Payne and Jackie Griffin for their many hours of hard work putting this roster together. Needless to say, it was very time consuming, but we are very pleased with the finished product. We have 427 members and are hoping to increase as the District Directors welcome new families into the neighborhood. Happy Holidays!!

WELCOME WAGON

Luanne Payne

The District Directors were able to welcome a few new residents into Oakridge during the past month. If you have a new neighbor that needs to be welcomed, please call me with the address so we can welcome them. You can call me, Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136.

District 1: Ridge Oak Pl. Larry & Jan Rawlinson
Ridge Oak Dr. Matt & Nancy Blunt
(Joined ONA)
Ridge View Ln. Vernon & Paulette
Williams

District 4: Windy Ridge Charlie, Rosie & Tyra
Thompson (Joined ONA)
Willow Ridge Steven & Ann Lam

District 7: Big Oaks Dr. Tran Nguyen
Big Oaks Dr. Patrick Byrne

OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Libby Morse

Merry Christmas for the Oakridge Women's Club!

Time is flying! Mark your calendars for the following:

December 3rd is the Adult Christmas Party at Benihana's Restaurant. Don't forget that white elephant item! For more information call Sharron Smith at 972-530-3873.

December 13th is the Children's party! We will welcome Santa and have great fun! Don't forget to bring gently used toys, books, or clothes for a donation to the Good Samaritans.

Congratulations!
Welcome new baby Carmen to our group! Congratulations Vicki and Gene Scott and Big sister Savanna!

Next Meeting:
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 5th at Nedly's at 7pm.

The OWC
What is it. . . The purpose of the Oakridge Women's Club is to develop friendships with other women in the neighborhood and to get to know their families. The principal aim of our monthly meetings is to plan activities for our children, special seasonal events and to socialize with other members. Our dues, which are only \$12 per year, are used for our children's activities and for printing costs. Call President Maryann Cullum at 972-495-9312 if you would like more information.



Safety Tips – 2nd in a Series:

Josh Criswell

This is a continuation of safety tips that are being provided by Josh Criswell who is working towards his Eagle Scout rank. The first in the series concerning “Safety Practices” was printed in the October newsletter. The tips listed below concern “Doors & Entry Areas”.

1. Are your doors solid-core construction? Hollow-core doors are fragile and can be broken into with just a few blows. Consider replacing with solid doors.
2. Do your entry doors have wide-angle viewers and are entrances free of shrubbery and decorations that limit visibility?
3. Are the locks on your doors secure from being opened if a burglar breaks out a pane of glass or panel of lightweight wood? Always remove all keys in your deadbolts when your home is empty. You should always keep keys in the deadbolts when you are in the house in case of an emergency.
4. Can all your doors be securely locked? Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a 1” throw and beveled cylinder guard?
5. Do doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar security device that can be operated from the inside only?
6. Make sure all locks are in good working condition.
7. Are door strike-plates installed with 3” screws that will reach the stud inside the wall?
8. Be sure you know everyone who has a key to your home. Don’t leave your house keys with your car keys when leaving your car for repairs or are parking in a commercial lot where attendants park cars. Duplicates can be made easily.
9. Do sliding doors have a lock that locks both the door panels together or locks the active side to the frame? Place a wooden dowel in the floor tract to prevent a sliding door from opening.
10. Do you lock your garage door at night or when on vacation?
11. Do you lock your car and remove the keys even when it is parked in the garage?

Look for the next series of helpful safety tips in the January

Annual Christmas Dinner for Fire Stations 3 & 6

Once again we will be taking Christmas dinner to the two fire stations who respond so faithfully to our emergency calls here in Oakridge. Station No. 3 responds to the south side of Oakridge and Station No. 6 responds to the north side. These dedicated firemen enjoy and appreciate everything we bring. If you would like to make a fruit salad, vegetable dish, desserts, or bread of some kind call Luanne Payne to volunteer your goodies. If you would like to make a cash donation, the money is used to purchase

District Director No. 3:

Diana Edwards

Hello, I am Diana Edwards and I live in District 3 of Oakridge. I am a native Texan and have lived in Garland for almost 16 years. I knew from the start it would be home. Shortly after moving to Garland, I discovered the community of Oakridge (which wasn’t fully developed at that time), however I fell in love with it! Over the years I drove around through here dreaming and finally two years ago I bought a home here in Oakridge. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting my neighbors, as well as becoming involved with ONA.

During my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my dog Piper and trying to improve my golf game. Recently, I took a position with Oakridge Country Club as Membership Director and now some weeks it is days before I ever have to leave Oakridge community. It is great...

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1999 Entertainment Passbooks

This is your last chance to purchase the 1999 Entertainment Passbooks. The final closing date is December 10th. If you would like to purchase a book, you may call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323.



REMEMBER...

Effective Saturday, December 5th, all local calls will require 10-digit dialing whether you are a 972 or 214 area code. If you do not dial all 10 digits you will get a busy signal or a recording to remind you to dial the code.

Volunteer Help for ONA Holiday Decorations

We did get a few volunteers and thank you so much. We still need more help in putting up and taking down all the garland and bows (approximately 75 stop or street signs) throughout the neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your own neighborhood. The more volunteers we have the easier it will be. Please consider one or two hours out of your busy schedules to help us. The scheduled date to put up the decorations is Nov. 28th or 29th. We will plan to take the decorations down on Jan. 9th or 10th. Please call Mary Musseman at 972-414-1098 to volunteer.

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| Councilman, Lowell Hyatt | 972-495-9394 |
| Chris Tannock, NPO | 972-205-2740 |
| ONA Hotline | 214 -967-5136 |

OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS:

Roberta Jones

A warm WELCOME is extended to our thirteen new paid members who joined in our fun November Coffee at Diane Winter's home. Now, with a total of thirty-five neighbors involved, a real sense of camaraderie and companionship is already developing among the women. Each time we meet, whether it be at the Coffees, Luncheons, Walkers Group or Bridge, there is increased enthusiasm and excitement about what this club can provide for the women of Oakridge.

Since this newsletter will serve as your calendar of activities for the next two months, please post this on your 'fridge or clip into your datebook. Our next event will be a Christmas Cookie-Tasting Coffee on December 8th at 10 AM at my home at 2601 Oak Point Drive. This is unlike a typical cookie exchange; you just need to bring two dozen of your favorite cookies, along with 8-10 copies of that recipe to pass on to your neighbors. We will just put them all out on the table to sample and maybe you will add a new favorite to your 'tried and true' Christmas cookie list! No need to RSVP—just take the morning off from the hustle and bustle of the season and relax in the warmth of friendly neighbors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- JANUARY COFFEE on January 12th at 10 AM at the home of JoAnn Dietz, 2906 Oak Point Drive.
- OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH will not be going out in December but do plan to go with the gang to Sweet Temptations Café at Skillman and LBJ on Tuesday, January 19th at 11 AM. Just call Brenda Britton at 972-495-6722 to make your reservation or if you have any questions. Each month this group's outing will be *coordinated* by a different person. Therefore, we will have a good mix of restaurants as well as different days of the week to accommodate the schedules of our members. Would you like to plan one of these outings to

your favorite restaurant?

- Just a reminder that the BRIDGE AND WALKERS GROUPS are going strong. If you have any interest, just call Jane Buchanan at 972-530-4762 for "Bridge" or Barbara Brunette at 972-530-4288 for "Walkers".

Do hope that you'll be able to come to some of these fun upcoming events---we would love to have you!! Any questions about the club or activities, you are most welcome to call Roberta Jones at 972-414-7277. HAPPY HOILDAYS!!!

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IN MEMORY OF MARC MEURER

The ONA would like to express our sincere sympathy to a dear friend and neighbor, Marc Meurer who passed away November 6, 1998. He will be missed greatly as he was very active in the neighborhood and the City of Garland. Many of us who vote have already been missing Marc's smiling face as he has served as our Precinct Chairman and Election Judge for the past nine years. He is survived by his

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IMPORTANT REMINDER...

Please mark your calendar for December 1st at 6:00 pm to stop by the Country Club to pick up your cookie dough orders. If you are unable to come to the Country Club, someone will deliver it to you, but if you are able to pick it up yourself it would really help us. We sold 206 buckets of dough and earned \$927. Thank you so much for all your orders. We will have your orders ready and waiting if you want to just run in and pick it up. This will help us immensely. Please call Luanne Payne if you have any questions.

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