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President's Message - Donna Dayhoff

Here it is 1999! I hope the Holiday Season for everyone were great.

First of all, I would like to thank all the District Directors and their helpers for decorating the entryways and stop signs in the neighborhood. This made Oakridge look very festive during the holidays. There were many compliments from the residents on how cheerful the decorations made the development look. If you see any of these people, be sure to let them know how much their time and effort are appreciated.

Thank you also to everyone, who supported our "Cookie Dough" fund raiser. We did quite well for our first try. A big thank goes to Luanne Payne for coordinating the sale and Sue Hageland for helping us keep the orders straight at delivery time. (Even though a white macadamia nut that eluded us for awhile but came out okay in the end.) If you are curious about this tale ask Luanne or Donna.

The Board members and myself hope that you have noticed how clean and bright the "Oakridge" entryway plaques are now days. We had them refinished before the holidays. They were becoming quite dull and tarnished. This improvement was your dues at work. Thanks to all our members for supporting the association.

To start the new year there will be a Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 28th at Oakridge C.C. - Social Hour - 6:30 p.m. - Meeting - 7:30 p.m. The program will be "New Happenings Around Garland". The City of Garland Plan Director, Neil Montgomery, will give us an update on the new Hwy. 190 mall, DART rail plans for the city, and other happenings. We hope you will come and meet your neighbors during the social hour and get an update on the plans for Garland in the next year and upcoming century.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING







SOCIAL HOUR: 6:30 PM MEETING: 7:30 PM OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



GUEST SPEAKER: NEIL MONTGOMERY



TOPIC: NEW HAPPENINGS AROUND GARLAND





CRIME STATISTICS FOR NOV. & DEC. 1998:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary – Grand Oak:

Thief entered open garage door and stole cell phone from unlocked car parked in garage. Offense occurred on Sun. 12/6 between 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm.

Vehicle Burglary – Lone Oak:

Thief broke window and stole various items from vehicle. Offense occurred between 8:30 pm on Tues. 11/17 & 3:40 am on Wed. 11/18.

Vehicle Burglary – Big Oaks:

Thief broke window on 1988 Toyota parked on street but nothing was taken. Offense occurred on Wed. 12/9 between 1:00 am & 10:00 am.

Theft \$1500 - \$20,000 - Diamond Oaks:

Thief stole golf clubs, bag, rain suit and other items from outside of club. Offense occurred between 11:30 am on Sat. 11/21 & 12:30 pm on Tues. 11/24.

Stolen Vehicle (UUMV) – Bending Oaks:

Thief stole locked 1996 Ford Mustang parked on rear driveway. The car was later recovered in Dallas. Offense occurred between 10:00 pm on Tues. 11/17 & 7:45 am on Wed. 11/18.

Criminal Mischief – Pepperidge:

Vandal broke back window of vehicle. Offense occurred on Sun. 11/8 at 1:10 am.

Criminal Mischief – Winding Oak:

Vandal broke window out of outside spa building. Offense occurred between 3:00 am Wed. 11/25 & 4:46 pm on Thurs. 11/26.

Criminal Mischief – Hearthside:

Vandal broke front window of vehicle. Offense occurred on Sun. 11/29 at 10:45 am.

Criminal Mischief – Diamond Oaks:

Vandal broke window on 1989 Honda Accord. Offense occurred between 11:30 pm on Thurs. 12/3 & 8:00 am on Fri. 12/4.

The crime statistics for November and December combined, were only 9 reported offenses. The past month of October reported a total of 8 offenses and September reported 9. So the 6 offenses in November and 3 in December were low and look real good. I, personally, did not hear of any vandalism to Christmas decorations, which makes me happy. I feel like the visibility of the volunteer Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) is a big deterrent in helping to keep our crime rate low.

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
- Errands
- Taking kids to soccer, ortho, Etc.
- Shopping
- Grocery Shopping (Specially for Home Bound Seniors)
- Etc., Etc.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Mary Musseman

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. The ONA currently has 433 members. It is very difficult for the District Directors to be sure they have noticed all the new families that have moved into their districts. So we still need your help in letting us know when you see a new family move in. Please call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323 or the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136. Thank you for your continued support.

WELCOME WAGON:

Luanne Payne

We hope that all the new families who have moved into Oakridge in past two months has gotten settled and getting a sense of what Oakridge is like. The following families were welcomed by the ONA and we hope if they are one of your neighbors, that you will extend the welcome as a neighbor.

District No. 1: Ridge Oak Place **David & Carolyn Dailey**

District No. 2: Lone Oak Mike & Martha Dollar

Shady Oaks Maragaret Fowler Shady Oaks Joanne Beneventi

District No. 7: Big Oaks (2800) **Chris & Cindy Manning**



<u>Safety Tips – 3rd & Final in a Series:</u> *Josh Criswell*

This is the final series of helpful safety tips which have been provided by Josh Criswell. He is working towards his Eagle Scout rank. We hope some of these suggestions will be helpful in preventing you from becoming a victim in your own home.

- 1. Are all windows in your home equipped with key locks or pinned? You can secure a sliding window with a rod in the same ways as a sliding door. Keep your windows locked at all times.
- Do you have secure locks on garage windows and do you cover these windows with curtains? Curtains on garage windows prevent burglars from "window shopping".
- 3. Do you secure your second story windows?
- When you go on a trip, do you arrange for friends or neighbors to pick up papers, mail and packages?
- 5. Do you notify a neighbor that you will be gone and leave a key with them or a relative? You should have your home checked at least once a day.
- 6. Do you arrange to make your home look lived-in while you are gone? Use timers on lights and radios to come on at different times during the day and night. Keep your yard mowed if you are gone for any length of time. Have someone periodically open and close blinds or drapes.
- Do you store your valuables in a secure place or have a safety deposit box at a
- Never carry large amounts of cash and don't flash wads of bills where it can be seen.
- Don't resist an armed robber. Hand over your wallet or valuables quickly. Try to get a good look at the robber for future identification.
- 10. Lock car doors at all times when your are in vour vehicle. Always lock it when it is unattended. Store valuables in the trunk so they are out of sight.

Crime prevention is a continuous process, so keep your guard up. If you would like professional advice and help for a thorough home security inspection, you can call the Garland Police department at 972-205-2150.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! & THANK YOU!

Luanne Payne

We have so many thank yous that we have a whole section just for this! First goes to the people who helped put up and take down the holiday decorations. We hope everyone enjoyed them. Next, thank you to all the people to supported the ONA by purchasing a 1999 Passbook and also for supporting the cookie dough sales.

A big thank you is extended from the two fire stations (No. 3 & No. 6) and me for all the great food that was baked and delivered to them on Christmas morning. These firemen truly appreciate every morsel and thought that you sent. I would like to say thank you to these individual families:

Albertson's (Richard Moseley) Mr. & Mrs. Dan Jones Oakridge Country Club Mrs. Clara Mae Meurer Mr. & Mrs. Claude Benner Mr. & Mrs. Ed Miles Mr. & Mrs. Terry Blair Mr. & Mrs. Bob Musseman, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Kent Crenshaw Mr. & Mrs. Vance Payne Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dayhoff Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie Stimpson Mr. & Mrs. William Edwards Karen Sullivan & Ted Holmes Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Gingerich Mr. & Mrs. Dave Thomas Mrs. Sue Hageland Fran Walker & Bob Elmes Mr. & Mrs. William Herzog Mr. & Mrs. Bob Young

THANKS FROM COLDWELL BANKER APEX REALTORS:

Linda Montgomery, Office Manager

Many thanks to all who participated in the Toys For Tots drive conducted by this company. The response was terrific! In fact it was so good we needed more elves and more time to collect everything. We distributed fliers throughout Oakridge, that included the address of our office (SW corner of Beltline & Plano Rd.), for a drop-off point. Sorry if we missed your house.

Several of our sales associates live in Oakridge and had assured us of your community spirit. They were right! Thank you for making the holiday season bright for many, many area children.

DISTRICT NO. 2 – OAKRIDGE SEC. 9:

Barbara Clark

My husband, Dick, and I have lived in Oakridge since May 1986. We moved to Garland 32 years ago from upstate New York. We looked in other areas as we have changed jobs but always decided to stay in Garland and raise our son here. We like the people because they are down to earth friendly. We are proud of Garland in the way that they have prepared for the future for utilities and water use. We have watched Oakridge grow from a cotton field to a golf course to a beautifully developed community to live in. I raise my glass to the Oakridge community and to a great New Year!



TAKE TIME TO TRAVEL

OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

By Roberta Jones

Wow, it's exciting to watch the enthusiastic response of the Oakridge women to our neighborhood social club. We started about five months ago and now have thirty paid members with more women getting involved each month. Come and bring a neighbor to one of our monthly Coffees or find yourself a niche in some of the fun and interesting activity groups. Won't you join in on the good times to be had at these upcoming events in February and the various ongoing interest groups?

- FEBRUARY COFFEE-Tuesday, February 9th at 10 AM at the home of Mary Pattie, 2101 Windy Ridge.
- OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH-Wednesday, February 17th at 11:30 AM at Compari's Italian Restaurant, 621 W. Plano Pkwy, near Collin Creek Mall. Please call JoAnn Williams at 972-530-2938 if you wish to attend, as she is the coordinator for this month.
- CRAFTS GROUP-Friday, February 12th at 9:30 AM at Norene Murphy's home, 2830 Stoneridge. She has graciously agreed to start up this group and since she is a master quilter and crocheter, our first project will be either an appliqued cat pillow or a scrap quilt design pillow. A sign-up sheet as well as a list of supplies needed will be available at the February Coffee or you can call Norene at 972-530-6669 or Sarah Traylor at 972-414-5383 for more info.
- BOOK CLUB-Friday, February 19th at 10 AM there will be an organizational meeting for this brand new group at JoAnn Williams, 2725 Hickory Bend. She has been a member of other book clubs and has the know-how to get our Oakridge group started. Just call her if you can attend at 972-530-2938. Come and give your input as to the books you may want to read and discuss.
- BRIDGE-If you have any interest in playing bridge, there is bound to be a group you will feel comfortable in from the beginner to the advanced level. Jane Buchanan, our very own teacher and coordinator of this activity can be reached at 972-530-4762.
- WALKERS-If the holiday season has left you feeling less than perky or pleasantly plump and you feel the need to "just do it"; Barbara Brunette has just the group for you! She has an established route for the walkers at 7:15 AM on M-W-F and can fill you in on the details if you would like to call her at 972-530-4288.
- SECRET PAL-Sign-up was held at the last Coffee. Co-chairmans Brenda Britton and Dianne Winter set up the guidelines to go by.
- HOSPITALITY-Such an important "ingredient" to making our club great! If you know of someone who needs a little sunshine, please contact Dianne Winter (972-530-6210), our Vice President and she will send them a card.

Dues for this club are \$12.00 per year and can be paid to our retired banker who serves as our Treasurer, Barbara Brunette. There are some really neat events on the Oakridge Daytimers calendar so stay informed by coming to the monthly Coffees as well as reading our column in this ONA Newsletter. Post this calendar

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- ... that Garland Animal Services is available to remove dead animals from city streets, alleys, and other areas? Dead animals often carry diseases and should be handled properly. Call 972-205-3570 to report the location of an animal to be removed or for more information.

OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB:

Libby Morse

HAPPY NEW YEAR! When we last met it was December 1998. The Adult Christmas party was at Benihana's. The food and service were great! The gifts were fun! Santa came to the children's party and gave all the children a gift! They loved playing the games and eating the yummy treats.

In January we met at Nedley's. We discussed our upcoming baby-sitting recruitment meeting and our February progressive dinner. (See below for details.)

ATTENTION ALL BABYSITTERS!

The Oakridge Women's Club annual "Meet The Baby-sitter" night is just around the corner. All interested baby-sitters and their moms are invited to attend. You will fill out a questionnaire (including names and phone numbers of references), meet our members and help yourself to pizza! Also, we will have great door prizes! If you are interested in expanding your baby-sitting business, mark your calendar for: Tuesday, February 2nd at the home of Ann Whitehead, 2617 Oak Point Dr. at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 972-530-4944.

<u>Next Month – February:</u> is also our progressive dinner! It is on Saturday, February 20^{th} . We will begin at Pam's house at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per couple and don't forget to bring your beverage of choice! Please RSVP to Sharron Smith at 972-530-3873 no later than February 7^{th} .

Member News: Congratulations to Chetna and Nilesh Naik on the birth of their baby daughter. She joins big sister Nakita and Sarina!

If you are interested in joining the Oakridge Women's Club, please call Mary Anne Cullum at 972-495-9312.



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GARLAND HOMEOWNER'S COALITION:

Mike Rose

The ONA has a new representative to attend the monthly meetings of the City of Garland Homeowner's Coalition. This association (GHC) actively supports and strongly represents the Homeowner individual Garland Neighborhood Associations (HOA/NA). The GHC will provide education, information and assistance to ensure that individual homeowners desiring to form a HOA/NA receive the necessary support to become active. The GHC will also be concerned with helping existing HOA's/NA's remain active. Of equal importance, the GHC will represent the collective Garland Homeowner Associations on issues of importance which affect the HOA's. By doing so, the GHC will serve as One Voice for the many Garland HOA's and will ensure that their opinion is heard.

There are 13 HOA's/NA's currently active in the GHC. The monthly meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, call Mike Rose at 972-414-8598.

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