

# Oakridge News

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## President's Message - Donna Dayhoff

It's that time again when the Nominating Committee will be meeting and looking for volunteers for Board positions. If you are interested in helping, call Mary Musseman (972) 414-1098 or the ONA Hot-Line (214) 967-5136.

In regards to the ONA cookbook, we have put publishing it on hold. There were not enough recipes submitted to make publishing the cookbook cost effective. For a cookbook to earn a profit at least 150 or more recipes are needed. We have not given up on publishing one -- but it may not be until this coming Fall. If you still have some great recipes, send them to: O.N.A., P. O. Box 450145, Attn: Recipes, Garland, Texas 75045-0145. We will collect them in hopes of receiving enough to publish the cookbook.

We are selling some great pies, cheesecakes and breakfast braids from Redwheel. This is the same company we used for our cookie dough sale. All orders must be received by March 12th and will be delivered on April 1st in time to use for Easter breakfast or dinner. Call the ONA Hot-Line (214) 967-5136 if wanting to order some of these "yummy" goodies. (More information in another article.)

Be sure to mark your calendars on March 25th for our next General Membership Meeting.

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## EMERGENCY!

WE ARE IN JEOPARDY OF THE O.N.A. CEASING TO EXIST. WE HAVE FOUR OFFICER OPENINGS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILLED FOR THE O.N.A. TO CONTINUE IT'S WORK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FILL THE POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER. WITHOUT FOUR PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO STEP IN AND FILL THESE CRITICAL POSITIONS WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO KEEP THE O.N.A. FUNCTIONING. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL. THANK YOU. MARY MUSSEMAN 972-414-1098

## OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

*Libby Morse*



### At the Last Meeting

We Had a successful February turnout for meet the baby sitter night! We met 6 great girls! We'll be calling! The packets should be ready by the next meeting. Thanks to Ann Whitehead for hosting and Sharron Smith for organizing the event and packets!

Our couples activity this month was a wonderful progressive dinner! The food was fine! We had a lot of fun!



We had another baby born to the OWC! *Krisitin Louise Wange* was born on Jan. 13, 1999. She weighed 5lb 5oz! Congratulations to Mom and Dad Sheila and Dave!

Next Month: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 2, 1999. Call MaryAnne for the location. We will discuss the children's Easter party.

### About the OWC

Come and join us 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! Please join us! Our dues are only \$15 per year! Just call Mary Anne Cullum at 972-495-9312 for information.

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**CRIME STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1999:**

*Luanne Payne*

**Habitation Burglary – Big Oaks:**

Vehicle was stolen from garage and later dumped in lake. Offense occurred on Fri. 1/1 at midnight.

**Vehicle Burglary – Big Oaks:**

Thief stole AM/FM/CD player and CD's from '95 Honda. Offense occurred between midnight and 9:00 am on Thurs. 1/28.

**Vehicle Burglary – Rolling Oak:**

Thief smashed window of vehicle that was locked & parked on rear driveway. Various items were stolen. Offense occurred between 8:00 pm on Thurs. 1/21 & 7:45 am on Fri. 1/22.

**Vehicle Burglary – Crestedge:**

Thief smashed window of vehicle that was locked & parked in front of residence. Various items were stolen. Offense occurred between 11:00 pm on Wed. 1/27 & 7:30 am on Thurs. 1/28.

**Vehicle Burglary – Diamond Oaks:**

Thief pried door open on vehicle and stole both air bags from the car parked in Country Club parking lot. Offense occurred between 8:00 pm on Wed. 1/20 & 1:00 am on Thurs. 1/21.

**Theft \$750 - \$20,000 – Diamond Oaks:**

Thief stole golf clubs and bag from Country Club property. Offense occurred between 3:15 & 3:45 pm on Sun. 1/17.

**Theft \$50 - \$500 – Big Oaks:**

Thief stole "Big Green" trash bin. Offense occurred between 12:00 & 9:00 pm on Tues. 1/5.

**Theft \$50 - \$500 – Hickory Bend:**

Thief stole "Big Green" trash bin. Offense

occurred on Sun. 1/24 about 11:00 am.

**Criminal Mischief – Diamond Oaks:**

Vandal broke rear window of '85 Suburban, causing \$200 in damage. Offense occurred between 8:30 pm on Mon. 1/25 & 8:30 am on Tues. 1/26.

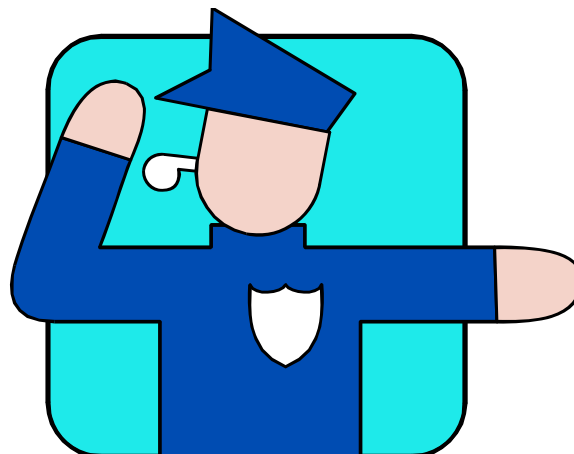
**Criminal Mischief – Hearthside:**

Vandal broke window on vehicle parked on street. Offense occurred between 9:00 pm on Sat. 1/23 & 10:00 pm on Sun. 1/24.

**Criminal Mischief – Winding Oak:**

Vandal shot out upstairs bathroom window. Offense occurred between 5:30 pm & 10:10 pm on Thurs. 1/28.

Well January 1999 has not got off to a good start with our crime statistics. I bragged in last month's newsletter that for the months of November and December 1998 there were only 9 total offenses reported. This first month of 1999 there are a total of 11 offenses. As you can see from the report above, a few of these were not serious but must still be reported. The police department has had a rash of vehicle burglaries this past month and are trying to gather as much information as they can to help in eliminating these kinds of offenses. The only way we can help is to try to keep our valuables out of sight in our vehicles so there will not be any temptations. It is also a mystery to me why anyone wants to steal our smelly, dirty and ugly "big green" trash bins,



## OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

*By Roberta Jones*

**ATTENTION: ALL WOMEN RESIDENTS OF OAKRIDGE!!** Here is a woman's club tailor-made just for you! Yes, I know some of you are saying that you know all about it, but I've heard that there are those in the neighborhood who haven't realized that this group would be for them. A sketch of our average member: female, member of the ONA (Oakridge Neighborhood Association), ages from 40 to 90, although all ages are most welcome. Just an interest in socializing with your fellow neighbors through coffees, luncheons and the many organized activity groups. Join us at our next Coffee on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Norene Murphy's home at 2830 Stoneridge. You'll see why the women of Oakridge have fun and exciting things on their daily "to do"lists!

We now have a calendar that Jo Ann Williams has graciously agreed to provide for each "daytimer" member to keep us up-to-date on our many activities. This will be published monthly and available each month at our Coffees. If you need to have something added to the calendar, call Jo Ann at 972-530-2938. Some of our upcoming events listed on our March calendar are as follows:

- **MARCH COFFEE**-Info above.
- **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH**-Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Ellis Castle at Canyon Creek, 2700 Custer Parkway, Richardson. You can call Jo Dietz at 972-530-8308 if you wish to attend.
- **CRAFTS GROUP**-To be announced at the Coffee. Coordinators: Norene Murphy, 972-530-6669 and Sarah Traylor, 972-414-5383.
- **BOOK CLUB**-To be announced at the Coffee. Coordinator: Jo Ann Williams, 972-530-2938.
- **BRIDGE**-Lots of levels so just call Jane Buchanan at 972-530-4762 if interested.
- **WALKERS**-Call Barbara Brunette at 972-530-4288 if you want to know the times and the route!
- **HOSPITALITY**-Dianne Winter at 972-530-6210 would be glad to hear of anyone who needs a little cheer.
- **BREAKFAST CLUB-\*\*NEW GROUP\*\***-A casual, stop by and socialize at Oakridge Country Club for breakfast or a cup of coffee on any Thursday morning that you can make it. Diane Owens is the contact person for this group, so call her with any questions at 972-495-7383.

Hope to see each of your smiling faces at our next Coffee if not before, both our members and "wanna-be"



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**PIES, CHEESECAKES & FRENCH BRAIDS:**

*Luanne Payne*

The ONA is currently taking orders for delicious pies, cheesecakes and French braids. These products are from the same company, Red Wheel Products, that we bought our cookie dough from back in November. These pies are 10” pies with a selection of Apple at \$8.00 each. The Peach, Cherry, and Pecan are \$9.00 each and the Chocolate “French Silk” at \$11.00 each. The selections of cheesecakes are Raspberry Swirl, Tortoise, and Vanilla, all 30 oz., for \$11.00 each. There is also a selection called “Baby Cakes” with 12 individual cakes in the package with assorted flavors of Vanilla, Raspberry, Amaretto, and Key Lime. This variety package sells for \$11.00. The French braids come in 3 flavors; Country Apple, Cherry Supreme, and Sweet Cinnamon and sell for \$9.00 each.

All of these products are delicious. The fruit pies are frozen and ready to bake. The Pecan and French Silk pies are ready to serve when thawed. The French braids come frozen and are so simple to bake. If you set it out the night before serving to let it rise (usually 10 hours) then you have a delicious pastry to serve to your family or friends for breakfast the next morning that is simply delicious and hard not to say “I made it myself”. The cheesecakes are also frozen but ready to serve when thawed to room temperature.

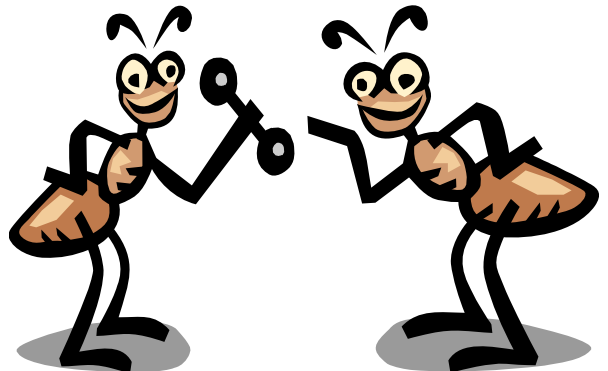
All orders must be in by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The best thing yet is the delivery date will be on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. This is just in time for those Easter family dinners, as Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Call me today, Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323, to place

**FIRE ANTS!!!**

Fire ants can be controlled with the right plan and without harming the environment. Here is a “Texas Two-Step” method designed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

“Step-One”: The first step in this method is to broadcast a bait insecticide over the entire yard. At least three baits can be applied in this way: Amdro®, Award®, and PT 370 Ascend®.

“Step-Two”: The second step is to treat individual problem mounds with an approved mound drench, granule, or dust insecticide. Individual mounds should be treated no sooner than three days after baits are applied. Try boiling water as a non-chemical treatment for fire ants. Use three gallons per mound. About 60 percent of the mounds treated can be eliminated. This treatment can be hazardous for the person transporting the hot water. Take care not to pour boiling water on grass or plants. Always wear a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, and eye protection when



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CITY COUNCILMAN – DISTRICT 7:***

The ONA will be featuring articles from our City Councilman, Lowell Hyatt, occasionally, to keep us updated on happenings in Garland and other items he would like to share with the district he represents. This first article is from his own personal experience. Lowell and his wife, Lois, participated in the second ever Garland Fire Department's Citizens Fire Academy.

The academy consisted of ten, 3-hour weekly sessions and one all-day Saturday session. Classroom subjects ranged from arson investigation and fire prevention to CPR/first aide training and EMS demonstrations. Each night we also had physical activities. These were either fun or terrifying, but never boring. We learned the proper way to handle fire hoses, how to climb multi-story ladders and actually tore two cars apart using the "jaws-of-life".

Our first big surprise was being outfitted in our firefighting gear. The suit is heavy (80 lbs. with air pack), stiff and hot. The helmet is heavy and the boots are awkward, heavy and very uncomfortable. It took us at least 15 minutes to don our gear. The firefighters don all their gear and are ready to roll in one minute.

Our biggest thrill, up to the Saturday session, was rappelling off the roof! We were in a harness and hooked to a rope. We were told to stand at the edge of the roof, lean straight backwards off the roof and walk down the wall. We controlled the speed with one hand holding the rope behind our backs. The only thing that got us down the wall was having absolute trust in the abilities and confidence of the firefighters directing the activities. Although the first time down was terrifying, the second try was almost fun. All of these activities were preparation for our Saturday visit to the Dallas Fire Department Training Center. Saturday was approached with both excitement and apprehension. Captain Johnny Bellows, our leader, assured us it would be a fun, fun, fun day. He was wrong, wrong, wrong!

Our apprehension increased when the first thing we saw on arrival was a Garland Fire Department ambulance. It was further increased when we were handed previously worn helmets that were deformed and singed from extreme heat. After donning the helmets and our bunker gear, the firefighters began helping us with the face masks and air packs. The experience of having our faces sealed in a mask and using an air pack to breathe was unnerving and began testing our courage. After having our equipment checked by no less than 6 different firefighters, we were ready to enter the "flashover chamber". We were seated on narrow benches along the walls of the chamber and a fire was ignited at the rear. The chamber quickly filled with gas and smoke, and the temperature rose to 500° where we were sitting and 1,000° at the rear of the chamber. In a short time the gas ignited into what the firefighters call "fingers of death". Flames were shooting across the ceiling right over our heads, further singeing our already deformed helmets. Our 15 minutes in the chamber seemed like an eternity. We

had completed our second test of courage.

Our third and last test was the "burn house". When we entered the burning structure, it was as if we had stepped into a black hole. The smoke was so intense we could not see our hands in front of our faces. We were told not to turn loose of the hose we were dragging with us because that hose was our lifeline back out of the building. We crawled on our hands and knees, wearing 80 lbs. of equipment, dragging and clinging to a heavy, stiff hose without a clue where we were in the building or what room the fire was in. We finally saw a glow, sprayed some water in that direction and got the heck out of the building.

At any point with any of the activities, we were free to stop or not participate. Many of our class members could not put on the facemasks. Some could put on the masks but could not enter the buildings. Each person had the support and encouragement of the firefighters and other class members no matter what their decision.

Why would anyone voluntarily subject themselves to these very frightening experiences? What we thought was going to be an interesting and somewhat boring learning experience about firefighting, became a wonderful and exciting learning experience about ourselves. While we were learning about the challenging and dangerous profession, we were also learning to face and conquer fear and to have absolute faith in those firefighters who guided us through our tests of courage. We were a part of a diverse group of strangers who came together and worked as a team. We clapped and cheered as individual members accomplished difficult tasks.

We were surprised and impressed with the enthusiasm and pride shown by each firefighter as he talked about his job. We came to realize firefighting is a calling, not a profession. The citizens of Garland are fortunate to have such an outstanding fire department. We can show our appreciation by keeping the firefighters/EMS teams and their families in our prayers.

For more information on the next Citizens Fire



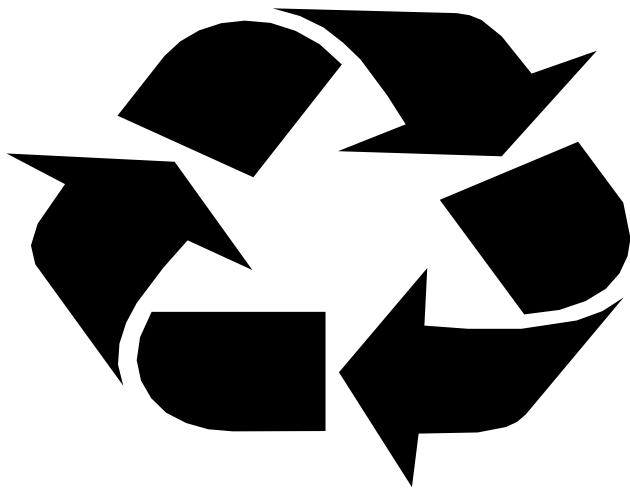
**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Mary Musseman

Hope you had a fun Valentine's Day. We're still at 433 members. Please call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323 or the Hotline at 214-967-5136 when you notice a new family moving in on your street. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**TRASH DAY "TRASH" ...**

The pretty green plastic trash cart is one component of the City's state of the art refuse collection system that helps keep Garland beautiful by keeping trash out of sight and out of reach of animals until it is collected on Tuesdays. However, the system isn't perfect! Loose, lightweight items such as paper, plastic and styrofoam packing can sometimes blow out of the cart before or during the "dumping" process, leaving trash strewn all over the neighborhood. Please help make the system more effective by placing all loose items in a plastic garbage sack before disposal.



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