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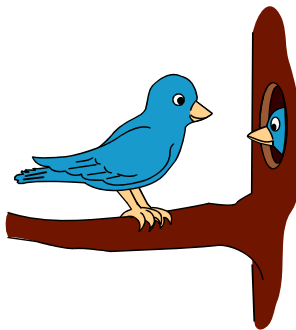
President's Message - Donna Dayhoff

The winter days are almost gone and I know that everyone is looking forward to the arrival of spring. If you believe that robins are "harbingers" of spring, then it is almost here. I saw four a few days ago.

Of course, springtime means new flowers at our entryways. As we have in the past, we are asking the members, who want, to donate to our "Beautification Fund". This fund is used strictly to keep our entryways attractive for our Oakridge residents and their visitors. More information is available on Page 6 of this newsletter. The ONA Board members and myself hope you enjoy seeing neat and well-maintained entryways to Oakridge, which enhance the pride, we have in our neighborhood.

Our year is starting to come to a close; so we are looking for volunteers to help on the committees and other areas for the ONA's 1999-2000 year. If interested in helping, contact the ONA Hot-Line (214) 967-5136 and leave a message.

Happy Easter Holiday's to you and your family!



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ATTENTION! PIE SALE ORDER PICK-UP DATE!

If you ordered pies, cheesecakes or French braids, mark your calendars to pick-up your orders for Thursday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Club. If you are unable to do so, please call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323, to make arrangements for your delivery.

WELCOME WAGON:

Luanne Payne

The Welcome Wagon welcomed three new families into Oakridge during March. If you know of a new neighbor that has moved in and has not been welcomed, please call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323 or leave a message on the ONA Hotline at 214-967-5136.

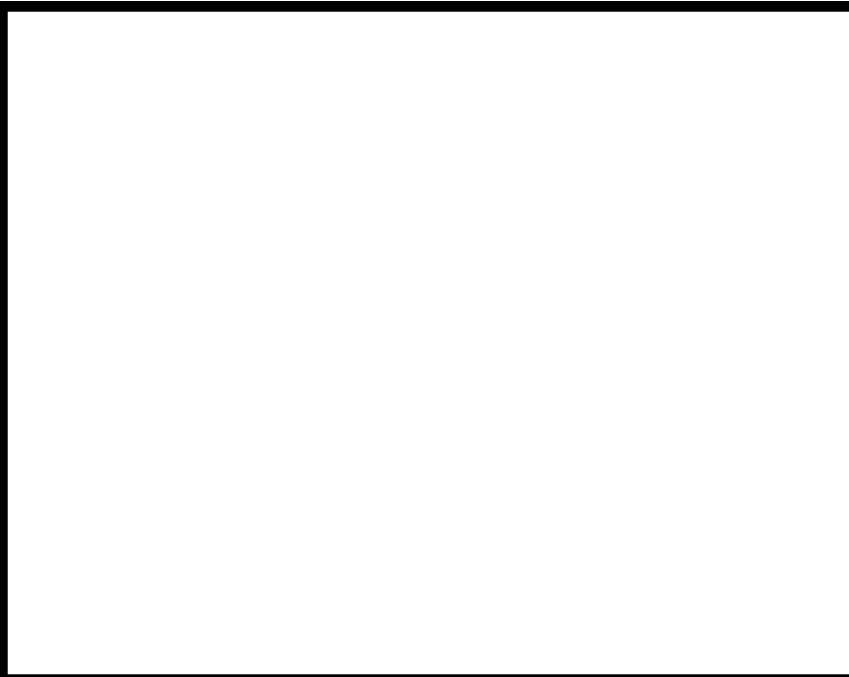
- District 1:** Kay Abrams (Joined ONA)
3210 Bending Oaks
- District 2:** Jeff & Sherida Stone (Joined ONA)
2929 Oak Springs
- District 3:** Richard & Ann Christman
(Joined ONA) 1931 Overview

If you are a neighbor of one of these new families, please go over and just say hello. You never know you just might have something in common with them!

MEMBERSHIP:

Mary Musseman

The ONA currently has 435 members. Our year will be ending May 31st and it will be time to renew your dues for the new year. We are making plans to try to increase our membership next year so be looking for upcoming information in the next newsletters.



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

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CRIME STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1999:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary – Grand Oak:

Burglar entered house through rear window and was noticed by a neighbor who called 911 immediately to report the incident. The police responded within 5 minutes and arrested the suspect. Nothing was taken from the residence because of the quick reaction of the neighbor and the police. Offense occurred on Tues. 2/16 at 11:45 a.m.

Criminal Mischief (4) – 1 on Big Oaks, 1 on Pepperidge, & 2 on Pebblestone:

All four of these offenses were related and happened on the same day. Two arrests were made from the help of witnesses. All four offenses had car windows shot out by a BB guns. The offenses occurred on Sun. 2/7 between 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

The month of February shows only 5 total offenses, which was a decrease from January that reported 11 offenses. The positive thing about this report is that one habitation burglary was prevented and the vandals who shot out the car windows were arrested after their damage had been done. We need to continue to keep our eyes and ears open for any suspicious activity. If you have a question about something or your gut feelings tell you this is just not right, pick up the phone and call 911. The police would rather you call than to just ignore the situation. Let's keep up the good work!

CITIZENS ON PATROL CLASS (C.O.P.):

Luanne Payne

The police department has scheduled the next C.O.P. training class for Saturday, June 26th from 8:00-5:00 at the North Garland Branch Library. If you are interested in getting involved in keeping Oakridge a safe neighborhood by volunteering one hour a week to drive through the neighborhood, please call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323. I have the applications and will be glad to deliver one to you. The applications must be turned in to the police department by April 14th. We really need to get more people trained. The more visible we are

GARLAND CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI

ASSOCIATION

AWARDS DINNER FOR THE GARLAND POLICE

The Garland Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is honored to host the first Awards Dinner for the Garland Police Department. For many years these officers have received their awards at a special breakfast ceremony. As one of the primary functions of the alumni association, they chose to host this special dinner to recognize the outstanding officers. The Garland Citizen Police Academy was established in 1993 to educate the residents of Garland about the operations of the GPD. Once the residents completed the Citizen Police Academy, they wanted to stay involved and established the GCPAAA to sponsor special events and raise money for the GPD.

This dinner is an opportunity to recognize and reward police personnel for their outstanding service and to pay tribute to the fine men and women of the GPD. We recognize the 280 officers and 127 non-sworn members of the GPD for their steadfast commitment to reduce crime and keep our city a safe place to live and work. We will also recognize and reward 30 officers and non-sworn members of the department who have demonstrated exceptional courage, bravery and commitment in the line of duty during 1998. We will also recognize several citizens for their actions in assisting officers in the apprehension of felony suspects.

This is the first Awards Dinner and the GCPAAA has joined with the citizens and local businesses to raise funds to recognize, honor and reward Garland police officers and employees. Without the participation from these individuals and businesses, this dinner would not be possible. On behalf of the GCPAAA, we sincerely appreciate your generous support that allows us to continue honoring these heroes who give so much, so fearlessly.

This dinner will be held on Friday, April 16th at the Holiday Inn Select (LBJ @ Jupiter). The VIP Awards Reception is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 each. To purchase tickets or sponsor a table, you may call Lt. Don Martin at 972-205-2630. (All donations are tax deductible.)



OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Libby Morse



This Month

Eggstravaganza..... Our Annual Easter egg hunt and picnic has been planned for Sunday March 28th beginning at 1p.m. The children will hunt for Easter eggs, do a craft, and take a swing at a pinnate. There will be a special prize in one egg! If you are interested in joining us, bring a picnic lunch for your family, one dozen plastic eggs (filled) for each child that will be attending, a blanket and/or a couple of lawn chairs and meet us at Foxboro park in Richardson. The park is located on the southeast corner of Plano road and Braeburn lane (Mapsco 8K) just north of Owens farm. If you have any questions about this event please call Mary Masejewski at 972-495-5734.

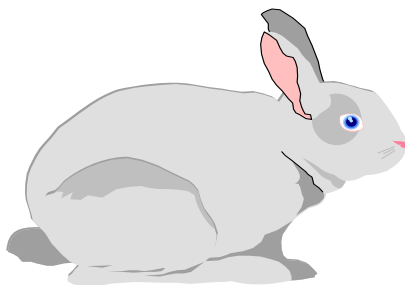
Next Month

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm. It is a wine & cheese Keno night! It will be held at Suzanne's house. Bring a \$5 gift and either wine, or cheese and crackers or an appetizer. We will also have a video tape movie swap! Bring your favorite! If you have any questions or would like to join as a new member on this night please call Suzanne at 972-530-8526

Playgroup forming!

If you are interested in starting a baby/preschool playgroup please call Sheila at 972-496-3161. It would be a great way to meet other new moms!

Mark your calendar for Friday April 16th for a girls movie night at Sharron's. We'll talk about it at the next meeting! See you there!



GARLAND CRIMESTOPPERS "TASTE OF GARLAND"

This is the annual "feed bag" that is put on by the Garland Police to raise money for the Garland Crimestoppers. There are over 20 Garland restaurants participating in this. The food is great! There are great door prizes and also some really awesome items to bid on during the auction. This event will be Saturday, April 10th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Hella Temple on Rowlett Road. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, call Lt. Don Martin at 972-205-2630.

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Dianne Winter

It's no APRIL FOOL'S joke that this "Woman's Club" is growing like the spring plants. We welcomed three new members this month at Norene Murphy's home. They are Helen Elkins, Monica Evans and Betty Glover.

We are an active group with a variety of activities in which you can participate and we promote neighborhood awareness by sharing information. FRIENDS, ACTIVITIES and INFORMATION are available through this group. Please join us as a guest at our next COFFEE at Mary Musseman's home at 3001 Oak Springs on Tuesday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Mix and Match your interests with the following activities:

- ❖ **APRIL COFFEE:** April 13th (see info above)– Linda Horton will talk to us about growing Orchids. You don't want to miss it!
- ❖ **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH:** April 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Copeland's in Addison. Call Diane Owens at 972-495-7383 for directions.
- ❖ **CRAFT GROUP:** April 20th at 10:00 a.m. Come stitch 'n chat or just chat. Several interesting projects have been proposed. Call Sarah Traylor at 972-414-5383 or Norene Murphy at 972-530-6669 for more information.
- ❖ **BOOK CLUB:** The second selection they will read is *Little Altars Everywhere* by Rebecca Wells. Call Jo Ann Williams at 972-530-2938 if you enjoy reading books.
- ❖ **BRIDGE:** Many levels. Call Jane Buchanan at 972-530-4762 if you are interested.
- ❖ **WALKERS GROUP:** Call Barbara Brunette at 972-530-4288 for routes, times and encouragement. They currently walk M-W-F at 7:15 a.m.

and meet at 2209 Diamond Oaks.

- ❖ **HOSPITALITY:** We care, so if you know of someone who needs a little cheer, call Dianne Winter at 972-530-6210.
- ❖ **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Get a good start on the day with friends at Oakridge Country Club on any Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. Call Diane Owens at 972-495-7383 if you have any questions.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS! Look for our upcoming events in May. Special "May Hats and Salad Day" and a day trip to McKinney are in the planning stage. Call Roberta Jones, president, for any



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In today's world of real estate, representation is available to both buyers and sellers. We, in the industry, have fought long and hard to have representation for both parties. In the past, the representation of all agents was to the seller, who was paying the commission. Please understand that the real estate commission earned by the realtors involved in the transaction is a service fee that has nothing to do with the value of the home.

Many of you have been both buyer and seller and understand that buyer's need the same information and interpretation of values and areas, as the seller has when listing his home, in order to make an intelligent and fair decision.

Many of you are not aware that agents can represent buyers in new construction as well as existing homes. Remember that onsite sales people represent the builder, not you, the buyer. In a new builder purchase the builder's representative is there to quote you prices and show you the advantages of buying their particular home. The builder's representative is not concerned about the type or location of the lot, the future resale value or values of a neighborhood, the pitfalls of construction phases and whether or not your home is being properly constructed.

A professional Realtor, as your representative, in a purchase of a new or pre-owned home is as important as selecting a good attorney, accountant or doctor. People would never even consider representing themselves in a court of law or before an IRS audit or treating their family for a major illness. The purchase of a home is usually the largest personal investment you will make for your family. Why wouldn't you want a professional to represent and safeguard your family's welfare?

Remember, a good Realtor, has not only specialized continuing education, but also, the latest available information at their fingertips on financing, contracts, and property values with the personal expertise and experience to evaluate what best suits your families needs or preferences.

Buying and Selling a home should be a fun and exciting experience.

Peggy Richey, CRS, GRI

Environmental Report: Your Dues In Action *Cy Farver*

1. General Maintenance:

Without question, this is the single most expensive item in the O.N.A. budget. At the same time, it is also a significant factor in the value of your home, wherever you reside in the Oakridge. Ask any Realtor and they will tell you, the entrances help set the mood for the introduction to your home for a new buyer. Our landscaping contractor has been keeping the trash picked up and grass mowed at the entrances and the 3 miles of perimeter walks. This is done on a weekly and semi-weekly basis depending on the season and need.

2. Flowers:

Flowers are not part of the O.N.A. budget. The fall planting of pansies and the spring planting of begonias is covered by special donations from O.N.A. Members. The more donations, the better the plantings. If you have a specific entrance you want your dollars to go for, we will do our best to accommodate your wishes. We need your donations now. Please send them to the P.O. Box, with a note that the moneys are to be used for flowers or increase your dues payment by an appropriate amount with a note specifying the purpose.

Oakridge Neighborhood Association

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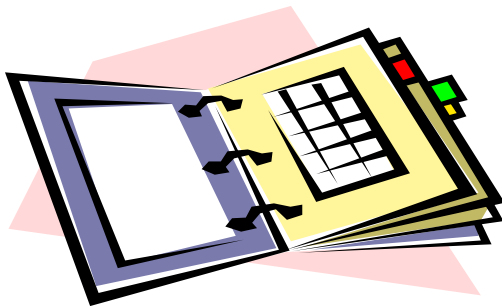
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NEWS FROM LOWELL HYATT
CITY COUNCILMAN – DISTRICT 7:

I have been asked why the City Council always vote twice in each instance in which it approves a change in zoning. The answer: A change in zoning occurs only if the council approves the ordinance relating to that change. The first vote, in effect, instructs the City Staff to draft such an ordinance. The second vote approves that ordinance. Almost without exception, the second vote will occur during the first regular meeting after the initial vote was taken and the council will approve the ordinance. During the many years I have observed Council meetings and the months I have served as a Council member, I recall only one instance in which the Council voted to not pass an ordinance it had instructed staff to draft.

Recently an announcement was made that a City employee was promoted to the position of Assistant City Manager. Questions were asked what role, if any, did the Council play in the decision as to who would fill that position. The answer: The Council played no role in that decision. That position reports to the City Manager. Per the City charter, the City Manager, with the exception of the Police Chief and Fire Chief positions, makes the decision as to whom fills each of the positions for which he is responsible. The charter does not require him or either consult with the Council on the matter or obtain its approval for his decision. In filling a vacancy for either the Police Chief or Fire Chief positions, the City Manager provides the Council the name of the person whom he recommends for the position. The Council will either approve or disapprove his recommendation. If the Council disapproves the recommendation, he will, at a subsequent Council meeting, recommend another name to the Council. If the Council disapproves that recommendation, the process will be repeated until the Council approves



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