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President's Corner : Mike Rose

Some observations from this desk.

The recent "trick or treat" night seemed to go well. It appeared that the number of smashed pumpkins and mischief was at a minimum. The "kids" that came to our door, and there were many, were very polite and escorted by adults who were visible. It would be nice if this trend continued into next years efforts. There are several homes putting up the holiday decorations. Please see the article below regarding how you may benefit by your work.

After the Y2K begins, your Board will begin in earnest to learn all about "benchmarking" the Oakridge area. The City is using the Camelot area as the test case. Oakridge will be second in line. It will take some work on our memberships part to assist the City in this process. We believe that by doing this we, the membership of ONA, will have an excellent handle on the conditions of our neighborhood and what direction it is moving. Also, we will know what impact we have on the City.

An old sage told me once not to discuss politics, sex or religion in business dealings. I would like to break his rule. Most of us have been taught to love our neighbor as we do ourselves. It has been to be neighborly to the one next-door as well as those down the street or around the corner. During this coming Holiday season we must take this attitude beyond our small boundaries and extend it to the entire City. Maybe even beyond the City limits, too? Our association along with the various other groups within ONA have done many very nice things for others. It would be nice if this effort continues and expanded in the year 2000. Wow, did you ever think you would say Happy New Year for that period?

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CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST!!

- 1. Membership to the ONA required.**
- 2. Each home judged separately.**
- 3. Judging done in the evening of December 19th by City Officials.**
- 4. Three prizes with cash awards -
Mayor's—\$50, 2nd—\$30, and 3rd—\$20!**

PLEASE HELP!!

The Animal Adoption Center of Garland

The Animal Adoption Center of Garland is a non-profit, no-kill dog and cat shelter (the only no-kill shelter in Garland). They receive no state, local or government funding and they are in desperate need for any cash donations to help them to buy the building they are currently in or they will be homeless too!

Pat Hall has been the manager of the shelter for the past 13 years. The owner of the building has let her stay here for free all these years and now he has to sell it. He has given her the first option to buy it. But she has to raise \$80,000 to keep her shelter open. All donations, big or small, are tax-deductible.

This shelter can accommodate about 40 dogs and 30 cats. There are 600 to 800 animals adopted through this center each year. Ms. Hall is very careful also about who adopts the animals from her shelter. She makes sure the animal fits the family it is going home to.

I am hoping that this letter will touch you as it has me and it will encourage you to send in your generous donation as soon as possible. Time is running out and those of us who have pets will understand how important it is to have a no-kill shelter in our own city that cares. If you have any questions about this, you can call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323 or the Adoption Center at 972-494-5463. You can mail your donations to the following address:

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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS

By Roberta Jones

What a wonderful time we all had when we gathered at the Gabbert's Design and Show Home for the tour and luncheon in November. I'm sure many of us came home "inspired" and ready to spruce up our own little corner of the world!

REMEMBER IN DECEMBER...What could be better to get into the holiday spirit than gather with friends for coffee and goodies in the warmth of a neighbor's home? Jo Dietz will be opening her lovely home at 2906 Oak Point for our 2nd Annual Cookie-Tasting Coffee on Tuesday, December 14th at 10 AM. If you will recall the way it worked last year, we each bring two dozen of our favorite cookies, along with 8-10 copies of that recipe to share. We'll just put all of the cookies on the table to sample—maybe you'll add a new favorite to your Christmas cookie list.

Also, don't forget to bring your \$10.00 gift for your SECRET PAL as we will be revealing who this mysterious person has been for the past year. If you have not had a Secret Pal this past year but want to be in on the gift exchanging, just bring a \$10.00 gift. This promises to be a fun Coffee so hope you will find time in your busy schedule to attend.

No newsletter in December, so please just clip out this article and keep it handy to remind you of the January Coffee. It will be at Mary Musseman's home at 3001 Oak Springs on Tuesday, January 11th at 10 AM.

Hope your New Year's resolutions for the year 2000 will include being an active member of the Oakridge Daytimers whether you're very involved with the club or have never attended a meeting. We always have a wonderful time together, just as we have this past month antiquing in McKinney (thanks, Martha!) or on a House Tour (thanks, Jo Anne!). Won't you join us in January to find out more about our present activities as well as the new ones we'll be adding this coming year.

Since some of the activity groups may be limiting their activities during the Christmas season, you may want to call the coordinator of that

group. Please refer to last month's list of activity coordinators for phone numbers or just call me at 972-414-7277.

May this blessed Christmas season bring you much peace and joy as you celebrate with your family and friends. My personal thanks to each one of you for making this "dream" of mine into a reality as I see the women of Oakridge bonding together in fun and friendship.

Oakridge Women's Club

Libby Morse

Happy Holidays from the OWC!



This month: We met at Pam Trutna's house. We had a new membership drive. Please welcome our new members Kellie Harpole, Ellen Biggs, Wendy Fitzgerald, Linda Dax, and Diane Owens! We look forward to getting to know you and your family!

Next month: We are really looking forward to the Christmas season! We have fun events planned!

Adult activity: Thursday December 2nd at 6:30pm is the annual adult Christmas party. It is at Benihana's Restaurant. Don't forget your white elephant wrapped gift per each person attending! Call Sharron Smith for further information at 972-530-3873.

Children's Christmas Party: Sunday December 12th from 3-5pm is the children's Christmas party! This year it is at Emma McDonald's house at 2510 Meadowridge. We will welcome Santa and have fun! There will be crafts, gifts, and great food! Call Mary Macejewski at 972-495-5734 for further information.

If you would like more information on joining the OWA, Please call our president Kay Steelman at 972-495-4879. We would love to have you join us at any time!



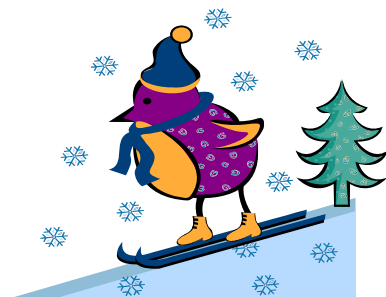
CITIZENS ON PATROL: Alley Address Signs

By Bill Johnson

In last month's Newsletter, we noted many homes in Oakridge do not have house numbers clearly visible from the alley, and that police, fire, and emergency personnel rely upon such markings for rapid response. Also, our own Citizens On Patrol use the numbers when reporting unusual activity or unsafe conditions.

The ONA has contact with a person who will make attractive signs to order for this purpose. These signs contain the Crime Watch logo in blue and white and the house number in large black print. These signs are readily visible day or night when attached to house or fence. The price for a sign is \$10.00, of which \$5.00 is rebated to the ONA for Crime Prevention efforts.

Anyone wishing to order a sign may contact Bill Johnson at 972-414-1665. Please supply your name, address, and a check for \$10.00 made out to Gerald Cowan. I will act as an intermediary and see your sign is promptly delivered. If you prefer, you may deal directly with the supplier of the signs (Gerald Cowan, 972-495-7062), but he reports that in the past he has experienced difficulty finding people home when signs were ready for delivery.



ONA POET'S CORNER:

By Bill Johnson

Still haven't seen any contributions from our members. Just too shy? Here is a poem pulled from The Humor List on the Internet, called:

Where Have All The Grandmas Gone?

*In the dim and distant past
When Life's tempo wasn't fast
Grandma used to rock and knit
Crochet, tat, and baby sit
When the kids were in a jam
They could always call on Gram
But today she's in the gym
Exercising to keep slim
Checking the web, surfing the net
Sending Email or placing a bet
Nothing seems to stop or block her
Now that Grandma's off her rocker*

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR FIRE STATIONS 3 & 6:

Once again we will be taking Christmas dinner to the two fire stations that 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 them. If you would like to make a fruit salad, vegetable dish, desserts or help with a cash donation, please call Luanne Payne at 972-530-9323.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police & Fire Emergencies	911
Police Non-Emergencies	972-205-2150
Lone Star Gas	1-800-817-8090
Sanitation	972-205-3500
Environmental Code	972-205-3800
Animal Control	972-205-3570
Poison Center	1-800-764-7661
Street Light Repair	972-205-3483
Electricity Emergency	972-205-3000
Water & Sewer	972-205-3210
Councilman, Lowell Hyatt	972-495-9394
Off. Stephanie Webb, NPO	972-205-2740
ONA Hotline	214 -967-5136

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Musseman

As of November 15th, the ONA membership is at 423 members. The GREAT news is the roster is included with this month's newsletter. I'm terribly sorry for the delay in getting it out to the members. Every possible effort was made to produce an accurate listing of the ONA members. Despite our many proof readings, there still may be some unintentional errors. For these errors we apologize. Please call me with any mistakes so I can correct them for next year. Have a great holiday season.

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Texas H.E.A.T. or Help End Auto Theft is a voluntary statewide automobile registration program developed to help reduce auto theft in Texas. This program has been established by the Department of Public Safety under the direction of the Automobile Theft Authority as the result of Texas Revised Civil Statutes, Article 4413(37).

- To enroll, the registered owner of a vehicle signs a registration form with a participating local law enforcement agency stating that a peace officer may stop his/her vehicle if found occupied on streets anywhere in Texas between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to inquire as to the ownership of the vehicle.
- A vehicle owner must present the following criteria to a participating local law enforcement agency: 1) his/her vehicle, 2) photo identification, and 3) proof of insurance and/or vehicle registration receipt.
- When a registration is signed and the ownership of the vehicle is verified, a color-coded decal will be affixed to the inside of the front windshield and another decal to the outside of the rear windshield to indicate the vehicle is registered with the program. A white front decal indicates the owner also consents to have the registered vehicle stopped whenever that vehicle crosses or is about to cross the border into Mexico directly from Texas 24 hours a day. A yellow front decal indicates the owner only consents to the border stop between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Information concerning the vehicle will be entered into the statewide computer file for purposes of enforcement.
- There is no charge for registration.
- Registration does not prevent the owner or anyone to who the owner grants permission from driving the vehicle during the hours of enforcement.
- The vehicle owner agrees to advise anyone granted permission to operate the vehicle of the H.E.A.T. registration.

- The vehicle owner agrees to and understands that peace officers will take certain precautions when making a stop on a registered vehicle during the program hours because it is suspected that the vehicle has been stolen.
- An individual who wishes to withdraw from the statewide program or transfers possession of the vehicle must fully remove the H.E.A.T. decals and notify the registering agency in writing to such removal.

To register with the Garland Police Department, call Kay Hendrix at 972-205-2089 or the Neighborhood Patrol Officer, Stephanie Webb at 972-205-2740.



TAKE TIME TO TRAVEL

Clean Sweep

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Polly Pickard

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Garland, TX, 75044

Phone: 972-414-6936

Mobile: 972-740-4415

email: rgnash@gateway.net

CRIME STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 1999:

Luanne Payne

Habitation Burglary – Bending Oaks:

Information unavailable. Offense occurred on Sat. 10/23 at 2:30 p.m.

Habitation Burglary – Hickory Bend:

Thief stole golf equipment from open garage door. Offense occurred on Mon. 10/25 between 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Vehicle Burglary – Diamond Oaks:

Thief stole car stereo from vehicle. Offense occurred between 10:00 p.m. on Thurs. 10/7 & 6:30 a.m. on Fri. 10/8.

Vehicle Burglary – Hearthside:

Information unavailable. Offense occurred between 11:00 p.m. on Thurs. 10/7 & 7:30 a.m. on Fri. 10/8.

Theft \$50-\$500 – Diamond Oaks:

Information unavailable. Offense occurred on Sat. 10/2 between 5:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Theft \$50-\$500 – Richland:

Information unavailable. Offense occurred between 9:00 a.m. on Sun. 10/24 & 6:00 p.m. on Tues. 10/26.

Criminal Mischief – Pepperidge:

Information unavailable. Offense occurred between 11:00 p.m. on Fri. 10/22 & 7:00 a.m. on Sat. 10/23.

Criminal Mischief – Big Oaks:

Vandal caused \$200 damage to mailbox. Offense occurred between 10:00 p.m. on Sun. 10/31 & 6:00 a.m. on Mon. 11/1.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS:

The holiday season is upon us and this is when we let our guard down and become victims. Here are some helpful tips to have a safer holiday season.

- ❖ Try to use an ATM that is inside a bank or store. Make sure no one is watching you make your transactions.
- ❖ After you have been out shopping, be aware of any suspicious cars that could be following you home. If you feel like someone has followed you, don't go to your house.
- ❖ Big green trash cans are a great place to hide behind on a dark driveway. If you can, put them inside the garage.
- ❖ Have a security guard or store clerk walk you to your car if you are alone.
- ❖ Ladies keep your purses on your body at all times. Never leave it in a shopping cart, dressing room or counter top.
- ❖ Make several trips to your car to put purchases in the trunk so you don't have your arms full when walking out of the store. This is good exercise anyway!
- ❖ Be sure you keep all valuables locked in the trunk where they are out of sight.



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Jessica Acosta

Mary Kay Independent Sales Manager

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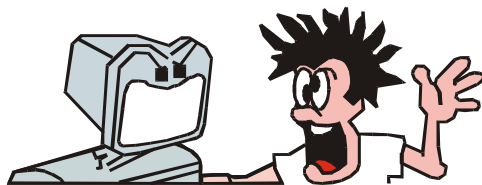
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