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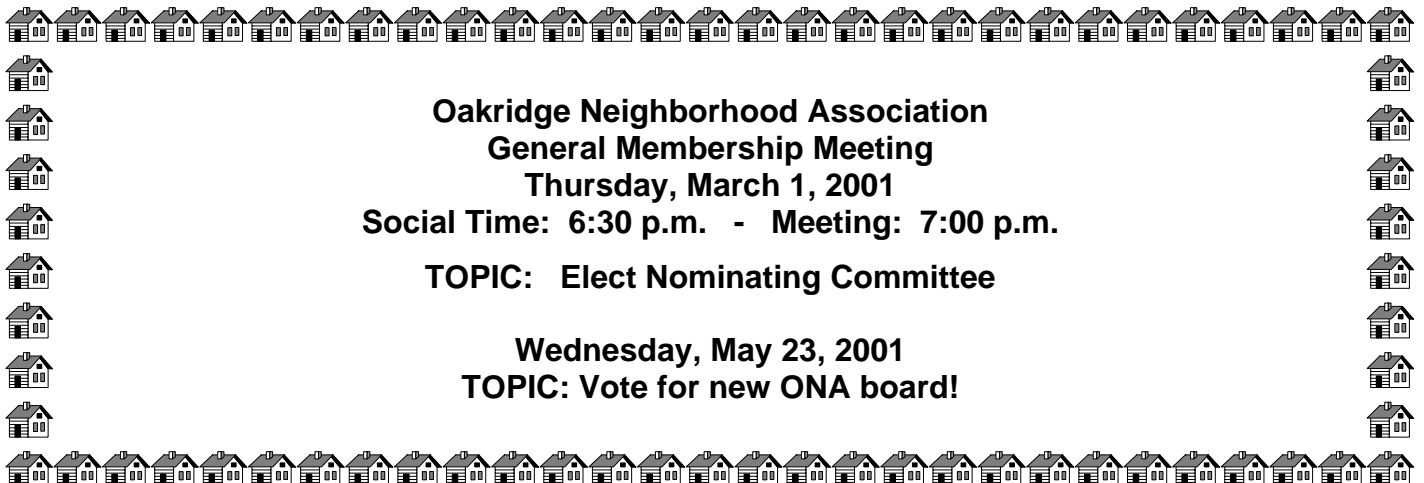
President's Corner – Mike Rose

The next two General Membership meetings are very important. **March 1st** we will elect a nominating committee. The committee will post their results in the April '01 newsletter. The **May 23rd** meeting (please note the date change) we will elect a new ONA Board. It is critical that the membership become involved.

This notice has been repeated because it is critical that we **all** be involved in the success of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Some folks have given even more than their fare share of time, while others have given no time. The ONA only exists by the commitment of those who volunteer their time. The time involved is not overly onerous, but it is consistent. This is assuming that we, the membership, desire to continue the traditions that have been established since 1992, the year that the Oakridge community reinvigorated the ONA. It is understood that most everyone has a full calendar. However, one must make time when it concerns ones neighborhood. One of the biggest investments made is the purchase of a house. Our homes in the Oakridge community have continued to maintain their value. Would this be the case if we did not have a strong neighborhood organization? The answer could be found by looking at those areas in the city where no such neighborhood community involvement exists. Again the question is asked, have you done your share of maintaining a strong ONA?

CONCERNS – what do you think of when you read this word? How about the following; **Community, Outreach, Needs, Citizens, Environment, Resale, Now and Success.** We should know which community has our **concerns**. If not, reread starting at the top of this page. If our neighborhood is to remain strong we are required to continue to **reach out** to those who have yet to join the ONA. It is obvious to most who live in the Oakridge community that there are many **needs**. Our homes require constant attention. Our families do too. The ONA has needs. If you do not know what they might be just ask any Board member. The Board members are listed on the back page of this newsletter. We are all **citizens** of the city of Garland and as such it is our responsibility to remain aware of what our city leaders are up to. We may do this by viewing the city council and various city boards and commissions actions as they take place on Channel 16. One may search the net and find many interesting facts on the City web site. Have you and/or your family

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Oakridge Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 1, 2001
Social Time: 6:30 p.m. - Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
TOPIC: Elect Nominating Committee

Wednesday, May 23, 2001
TOPIC: Vote for new ONA board!

News From "Let Sue Do It"
Sue Hageland

As most of you know, my "Let Sue Do It" business has become predominantly "Let Sue Pet Sit". I love all the wonderful animals I am fortunate enough to care for but I know from the many calls I receive that there are people in our neighborhood who need other services as well!

Consequently, in order to try and help all of us in Oakridge, I have compiled a list of people who can provide the following services: overnight house/pet sitting, daytime care for the elderly, filing of insurance/Medicare forms, gourmet cooking, baking, treats for school children, furniture repair/refurbishing, coordination of remodeling projects and replacement of "fogged" windows. I also have references for several businesses who advertise in our newsletter. I hope to add more referrals to this list.

Please feel free to call me at 972-530-5089 if you need any of this information!

Trash Container Ordinance

To improve appearance of Garland neighborhoods, City Council revised the sanitation ordinance to clarify where the green trash containers are to be stored. In short, the containers should not be placed at the collection point prior to 6:00 pm on the day prior to collection, and should be removed from the collection point prior to 11:00 pm on collection day. Containers should be stored either next to the side of the main dwelling or in a location out of the view of the public or adjacent property. As an exception, if the point of collection is from an alley, the container need not be removed from the point of collection unless it can be easily viewed from a street. Exemptions may be granted for unique circumstances or extreme hardship, such as a physical disability.

Residents are also reminded that city ordinance requires that house numbers be clearly viewable from the alley as well as from the front of the home.

Excerpted from a Garland City Press article, Feb, 2001, by Bill Johnson

LET SUE DO IT

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

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

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- Etc., Etc.

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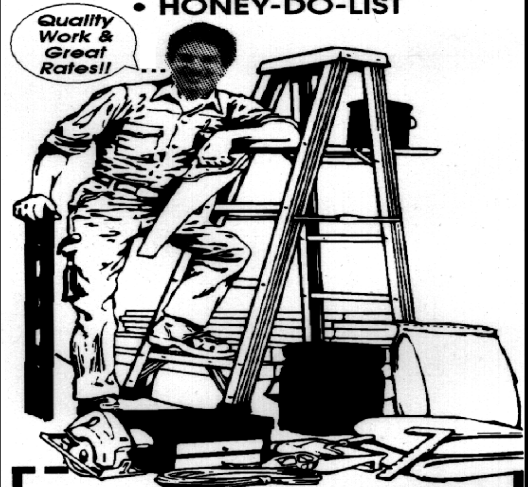
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OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

Libby Morse



At the Last

We held our annual "Meet the babysitter" night. There were 7 great girls! Our packets should be ready by the next meeting. Thank you Viki for putting those together! Thanks to Sharron for hosting!

We also had our annual Progressive dinner on the 10th. It was fun!

Member News:

We have a new member! Her name is Melissa Neuweiler. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family! Congratulations to Lianne and Lynn Mergen on the birth of baby Matt! I'm sure big sister Hannah is proud!

Next Month:

We will meet at Tricia's house to plan the Easter Party.



About the OWC:

Come and join the OWC. 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 couples activities. Our dues are only \$15 dollars per year. Just call Libby Morse at 972-495-9034 or TOMLIB@home.com for more information.



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HELP NOW!!!!

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association is in need of someone to assume the responsibilities of the newsletter. Jackie Griffin is resigning at the end of April.

If you are interested please contact Mike Rose at 972-414-8598. Thank you.

Neighborhood Crime Activity

Report by Bill Johnson

There were five crime incidents reported for Oakridge for December:

12/08/01 08:10am
2800-block Big Oaks Drive
Habitation Burglary attempt

12/17/01 05:00pm
2700-block Hickory Bend
Habitation Burglary

12/17/01 07:00pm
2700-block Greenview
Criminal Mischief (\$500-\$1500)

12/18/01 05:00pm
2300-block Diamond Oaks
Habitation Burglary

12/29/01 06:30pm
3200-block Bending Oaks
Habitation Burglary

Residents with Internet access are encouraged to visit the City of Garland Police Department web page. Contained here are links to several interesting topics, including crime analysis statistics, current crime incidents by district (ours is District 12, Beat 7), and lists (and photos) of sex offenders in our area. The City and the Police have done a good job in making this information available to residents. The web page address for the Police Department is www.ci.garland.tx.us/police/gpd1000.htm

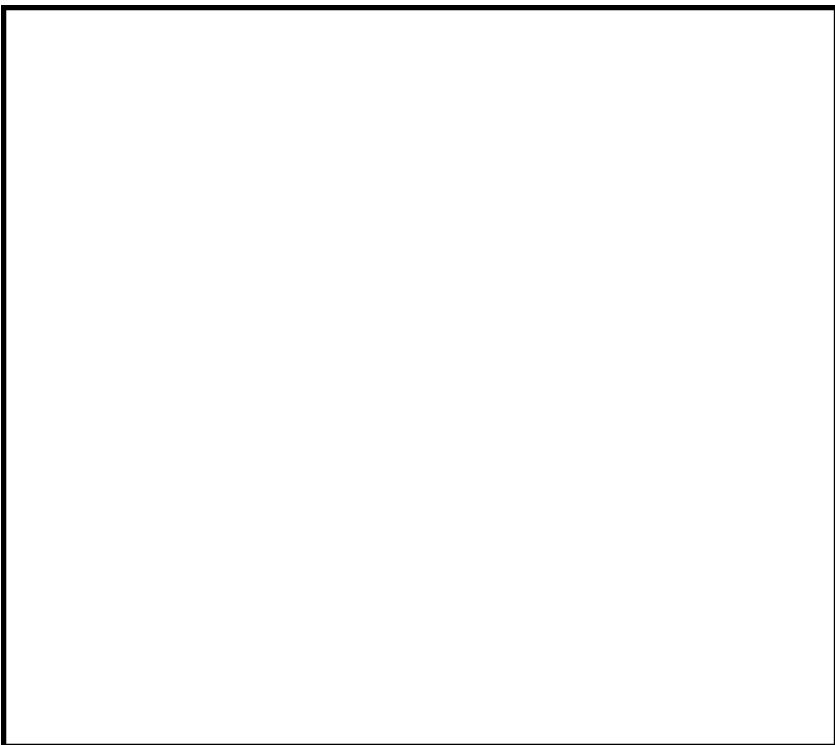
An Oakridge resident reported that a lady contacted her at work, claiming to be a neighborhood Citizens On Patrol volunteer, and told her that that her garage door was standing open. When the resident and her husband arrived home the garage door was closed. To the best of our knowledge, no Oakridge C.O.P. volunteers were involved in this incident. We do not have access to resident work numbers. Should we find an open garage door where nobody seems to be home, our standard procedure is to contact the Police and ask that an officer be dispatched to check it out. We do not enter the home and/or close garage doors. At this time we suspect this was either a wrong number call from a patrol group from some other neighborhood or a prank call.

The next Citizens On Patrol Volunteer training class will be held on Saturday, February 24, from 8am to 5pm. One person from Oakridge, Carroll J. Innmon, is scheduled to attend. A portion of this meeting will be dedicated to code enforce-

ment training. Currently active patrollers are invited to attend, though anyone planning to do so should notify me or Officer Funk to ensure there will be enough space.

Residents who wish to report suspicious behavior or unusual activity are encouraged to call (972) 205-2150 and follow the menu directions to speak to the dispatcher.

Should anyone need to contact our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO), Officer Stephanie Funk can be reached at (972) 205-2740, or at skfunk480@hotmail.com.



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Environmental Report

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This is the dormant month for most of our plants, at least that is what it appears to be to the casual eye. But winter seems to end in this part of the world around the middle of February and the spring plants are beginning to sprout. In fact, you may have already seen some of the daffodils are already blooming. Forsythias will be in full flower shortly as well as the other blooming shrubs.

This is the time of the year to prune your crape myrtles back to pencil size branches. Prune your bush roses now, but hold off on the climbing roses until after the first bloom cycle is past. Trim your ground cover plants before new growth begins. This is to remove winter damage and establish an even appearance.

Be sure to spray your hollies, camellias, euonymus, and photinias with dormant oil to eliminate scale insects. Check those instructions on the bottle for temperature and rain-fall conditions.

You can divide summer and fall flowering perennials before spring growth begins including mums, asters, etc. This will not only provide you with more plants, but it helps the original plants become stronger.

We have accomplished some improvements within Oakridge this winter. Irrigation lines were installed at Overview and Buckingham after several weeks of wrangling with the city. We used Billy Jack Sprinkler Co. to install these lines and were quite pleased with the results. As a result of the new water supply, flowers were replanted and dead shrubs have been replaced at this entry.

Bill Marks, the owner of Billy Jack's, has also added sprinkler heads to the south west corner of Big Oaks and Shiloh. He will complete the installation of a sprinkler system to the Northwest corner allowing us to add flower beds to that intersection this

spring. In addition, we have added freeze controls to all of our irrigated intersections. This will stop the sprinklers from operating if the temperature drops below 32 degrees. We sure don't want anyone to have an accident because our sprinklers caused ice to form.

In addition, we are getting a bid on running sprinkler lines the length of our property on Shiloh. The valves previously installed are large enough to provide coverage. This would be an expensive installation and the first step in adding sprinklers completely around our perimeter.

If possible, we would add this cost to next year's budget and it would be conditional upon more new members. Our improvements are made with your dues dollars. If you could help by asking your neighbors to join, these costs would be spread over a much larger population.

If you would like to donate to the Beautification Fund, please fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check to:

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Thank you.

*Oakridge Neighborhood Association
Beautification Donation*

I wish to donate \$ _____ to the O.N.A. for use in purchasing flowers and shrubs to be planted at an entrance to Oakridge.

Name

Address

Phone

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planted any trees in your yard? Our environment is enhanced with every new tree that is planted. The Oakridge environment could be greatly enhanced if we had more members. Just think of what could be accomplished with the increased income. How about a reduction in the annual dues being the first item. Have you reached out to someone and extended the hand of friendship and encouraged them to join the ONA? If the ONA had a 75% membership (or even 50%) of the approximately 1160 homes just think of what could be done. If the ONA Board could significantly improve our common areas and all homeowners would regularly maintain their yards and homes one can only imagine what the resale value of our house would become. It would be nice to see the value of our house on a positive growth curve. All of the preceding will happen if we all become involved with our community. The time is now. Why wait to be "drafted" into a position. Why not select a committee assignment where you might enjoy putting your talents to a good use. In order for the Oakridge Neighborhood Association to be a success it takes the energy of all of its members. Be expecting a telephone call from the nominating committee and be prepared to indicated the where your talents lie.

Have you noticed the varying stories on the TV lately revolving around wild animals? The Oakridge area has its share of wild animals. Please be cautious while walking the dog or putting out the cat. You might not see your "friend" again if precautions are not taken. Call the city animal control number (found in this newsletter on page 8) if you think you see any wild animal or even any animal that is running loose.

Isn't it exciting to see the Spring flowers coming out of the ground. Many trees are beginning to show signs of leafing out. We will have some more winter weather but it should be short lived. Does your yard have an over abundance of weeds? Somehow weeds seem to grow without our help. Time to get after maintaining our yards. This will go on until it is time to consider how we want to decorate our homes and streets for the Christmas season. Wow! Time marches on. There is a form in this issue on page 6 for you to complete and send in funds for Spring flowers to enhance the Oakridge community. Thanks for your continued support with this effort.

See you at the next general membership meeting.

**Tired of looking at the same old things?
Does your home need an update?
Want to rearrange your living area?**

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, call me.

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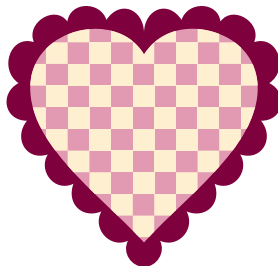
By Dianne Winter

Friends, fun and flowers were the main ingredients blended with the finery of silver, crystal and china to produce a “jolly good time” at the **Daytimers Tea 2001** held on the afternoon of February 13th at the home of **Mary Jensen**. The hostess had prepared a beautiful table for the picturesque centerpiece of white rosebuds with two-toned pink roses arranged by **Jo Dietz** in an antique epergne. Jo led the tea committee that consisted of **Roberta Jones, Monica Evans, Pat Tharp, Lucy Brock, and Suzanne Snow**. Jo had arranged for Judith Dyer from *The Cultured Cup* to direct the tea and present an informative and humorous program that covered the origins and development of the Afternoon Tea Entertainment. Judith’s background includes being born and educated in England along with other qualifications that make her an interesting and amusing speaker. Thirty-three members enjoyed the program and the presentation of the tea and tasty assorted sandwiches and desserts. Those in attendance received a decorated booklet of recipes and tips for giving a tea. Many thanks to Jo and the committee for their creativity, planning, food preparation and service that produced such a lovely afternoon.

See your calendar (prepared by **Mary Musseman**) for regularly scheduled events through February and March. We will meet again for our Coffee in March.

MARCH COFFEE

Mix & Mingle at the home of
Mary Jo Herring 3213 Ridge
Oak Drive
10am Tuesday, March 13th



Other newly scheduled events include: **Out to Lunch Bunch** in March to meet at the Palm Court in Antiqueland at Custer and 15th in Plano at **11:30 on Wednesday, March 28th**. Call **Jo Ann Williams** at 972-530-2938.

The **Fun on the Run Bunch** invites you to join them (couples or singles) at the Oakridge Country Club for the Oakridge First Millennium Celebration. It’s Mardi Gras New Orleans Style! **Saturday, March 10th**, \$18.95++ per person. Contact **Martha Boyette** for reservations 972-414-9875.



The Oakridge Daytimers invite you to be a part of our neighborhood organization. To join us for the events listed, call **Dianne Winter**, president, 972-530-6210, or e-mail ddwinter@home.com for more information and additional listings or questions



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