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Don't Get Involved- Just Join

Scott Youzva

I wanted to see if I could attract some attention to the article this month and obviously if you are reading this, then I have succeeded. It is also like preaching to the choir, but many of your neighbors may not be willing to join the ONA because they are afraid they will be asked to participate. Although we do encourage you to help out where you can, you can choose not to do so. In fact, most of our members support us through their annual membership renewal and some give additionally to the Spring and Fall planting funds. These are all appreciated, but we need more of your neighbors to join. Recently, you were given a membership roster that listed all of the members for this current year. There was also a listing by district and by street. This will enable you to see which neighbors are not members. It would help our organization to do so much more if everyone were to get one or two neighbors to join.

Thank you to everyone that has been a member this past year and we look forward to having you renew your membership in the next few months. We will be sending invoices out to the neighborhood soon, so please return these as soon as possible. So tell your neighbors, "Don't get involved-Just join!!!!"

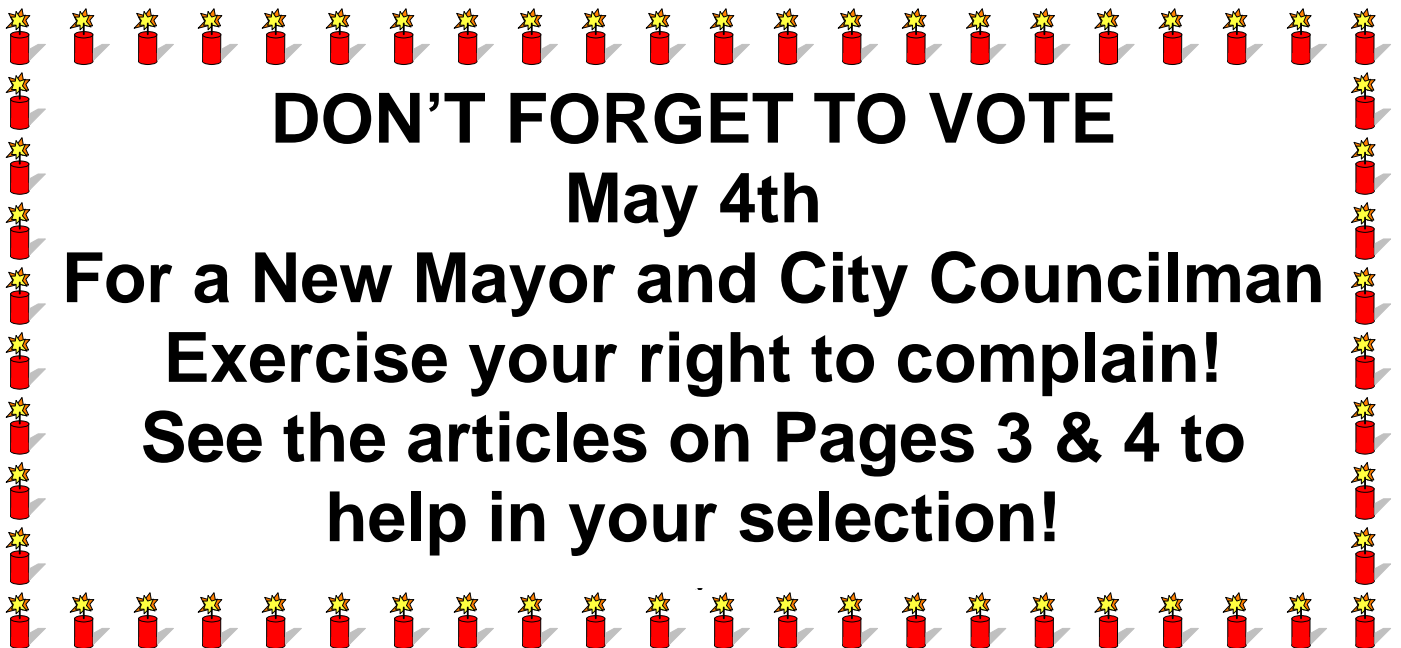
Slate of Officers for the ONA Board 2002-2003

Our nominating committee has done a good job of finding people who are willing to fill the positions on the ONA board that are open as of June 1st. This slate of officers will be voted in at the General Membership in May. There will be an opportunity to nominate someone from the floor so if you or you know of someone who wants to serve as a volunteer on the board you will still have the chance at the May meeting to do so. The slate chosen by the nominating committee is:

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District 6 – Kelly Prater
District 7 – Michael & Pegi Bostick

Come to the May meeting and meet the board, cast your vote and wish them well!



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
May 4th
For a New Mayor and City Councilman
Exercise your right to complain!
See the articles on Pages 3 & 4 to
help in your selection!

Oakridge Women's Club



Libby Morse

Last Month: In March we met at Reta's house. We made a few plans for upcoming events.

Lets go fly a kite! It is time for our annual spring picnic! The picnic is Sunday April 21st from 1-3pm. The children will take a swing at a pinata and we will fly kites and play ball. If you are interested in joining us, bring a picnic lunch for your family, a blanket or lawn chair 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 Libby Morse at 972-495-9034

Next Month: Please join us at our April meeting. It is Tuesday April 16th at 7:00pm It is at **Luna De Noche Tex Mex Grill** 7602 N Jupiter Rd # 105

Member News: We had a visitor- We met Nazly Haroon. We hope you will join us! We would love to get to know you



and your family!

If you are interested in joining the Oakridge Women's Club please call Libby Morse at 972-495-9034

Or E-mail tomlib@attbi.com

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Mayoral and City Council Candidates

The Candidates for Mayor and the City Council seat for our district (7) were invited to write 200 word articles for this month's newsletter. This is to help make us more informed voters. This is NOT saying that the ONA is backing any of these candidates. Their articles follow.

**Leadership is a "We" Attitude!
By Bob Day, Candidate for Mayor**

I am running for Mayor of Garland and I need your support May 4.

I learned through my volunteer involvements (Church, Boy Scouts, Jaycees, and the Chamber) that LEADERSHIP IS A "WE" ATTITUDE. Whether the issue is kid's soccer, zoning, the local school or local government, people are strongest when they stand together for common goals.

I frequently hear people mention:

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT, we must refurbish our aging neighborhoods through active enforcement in better partnership with neighborhood groups – We must be certain that Garland's remaining land is developed to its highest and best use –We must keep taxes low but enhance basic City Services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, we must guarantee a high-quality mall in exchange for the millions the City is investing – We must creatively reinvest in neighborhood shopping centers – We must attract high-quality redevelopment to Downtown and the new DART stations.

COMMUNITY BUILDING, we must actively involve the growing minority population in the community building process.

I invite you to call me at 972-278-2121 (office) or 972-271-0461 (home).

I want to thank you for this opportunity to share some of my vision with you. Voting is an important right; I ask for your vote for Bob Day for Mayor on May 4.

Michael Holden for Mayor!

It has been my privilege to serve Camelot as your Councilman for District 7 from 1990 – 1994, and currently for District 1. Over the years, I have worked to help Camelot maintain its quality of life as well as to help "cut red tape" at City Hall.

Noted below are some of my issues:

Improve our infrastructure - We approved the Capital Improvement Program, which included \$30M for streets. This is the largest single year investment for streets in the history of Garland.

Economic Development - 190 is taking shape. The mall is scheduled to begin construction in 2002 with the opening planned in 2004.

Redevelopment – We must get involved to insure that absentee landlords maintain their properties, whether that be single-family homes, apartments or commercial facilities. We must take a leadership role in seeking out new business to come to Garland.

To win this race, I need your help. I need your vote on May 4th. Please feel free to call or e-mail at 972-530-2906/tamu85@gte.net if you have questions or want to help.

Sincerely,

Michael Holden

Councilmember District 1
Candidate for Mayor

Endorsements: Garland Firefighters Association and the Police Officers Association

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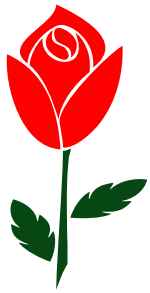
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EXPERIENCE — My 25-plus years serving on boards, commissions, and community organizations has trained me for the City Council. I have held leadership roles as President or Chair of many of these, and I have been serving as the city Plan Commission Chairman. Thirty-plus years in commercial real estate enabled me to develop the necessary skills for budgeting, hiring and firing, planning, marketing, and working cooperatively with people.

INDEPENDENCE — I have no political baggage. I was appointed by two different council members to the Plan Commission and neither ever attempted to influence my vote. I have always voted my conscience.

HONESTY — To survive for over 30 years in commercial real estate takes honesty and integrity. Diversified investment entities have trusted me with multi-million dollar portfolios and the site selection and design of various commercial buildings.

COMMITMENT — We must develop and implement long-range plans that improve the vitality and appearance of Garland. We must analyze staff requirements, expectations and responsibilities. We must open city government to input from all Garland citizens. I pledge my time and energies to delivering responsible, accountable government.

**972-245-1946 or
rosedist.7@attbi.com**

I am asking for your support as I begin my candidacy for District 7 City Council. I truly want to serve the citizens of Garland so I may give to the community where I live. My wife and I have chosen to follow in the footsteps of our parents and become involved in every aspect of Garland – our church, our neighborhood and community. I feel it is important to stay involved in the local decisions that affect everyone. This includes sound financial principals, big-picture and long-term strategic planning, better streets, development and re-development, to name a few. Ensuring the public safety of our residents will be a top priority of mine. Both the Garland Fraternal Order of Police and the Garland Firefighters Association have given me their endorsement in my quest to do this. I am a can-do person, and I want to make a difference. Being elected as your City Council Representative for District 7 will be an honor and the medium in which I can contribute to a better life for all of us. Call me with questions that you may have (972-414-7151) or visit my website at www.monroeforgarland.com.

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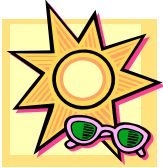
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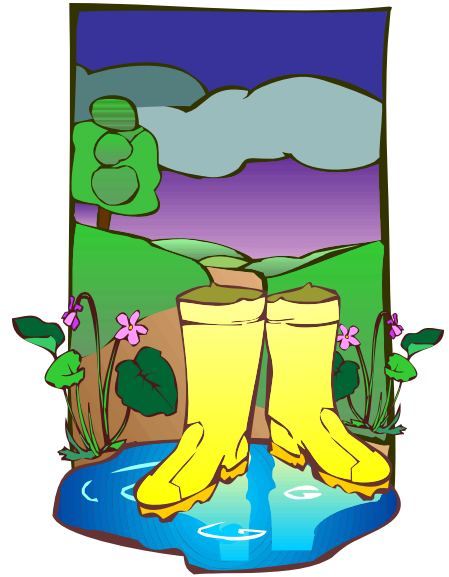
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Meetings

The following are the next meeting dates for Executive Board and General Membership Session of the ONA. As members you are welcome to attend them. Contact one of the members of the board for time and place.

May 14, 2002

General Membership Session:
May 23, 2002

WHAT:

Garland Symphony Orchestra proudly introduces Oleksiy Koltakov, Van Cliburn Competition Finalist in our final 2001-2002 concert.

WHEN:

Friday April 26, 2002 at 8:00 PM

WHERE:

Garland Performing Arts Center
300 N. Fifth Street, Garland, TX

TICKETS:

\$15-\$32
Group discounts are available

HOW:

Call the GSO office at 972-926-0611
or by e-mail at gsymph@airmail.net

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C.O.P. /Crime Watch Report

By Bill Olive

The following crime statistics for the month of February were taken from the Garland P.D. web site. March statistics won't be available until the middle of April.

Stoneridge: 2800 block on 2/18 at approximately 10:30pm, a vehicle burglary.

Laurel Oaks Ct.: 3200 block on 2/19 at approximately 9:00pm, a vehicle burglary.

Spring Is Here

Now that spring has sprung, many of us will be spending more time out-side, working in our yards. We'll be leaving doors and windows open to let in cool fresh air; but, with all the beauty that spring brings, there is an element of danger. Because we like our windows open, our glass storm doors replaced with screens, and our garage doors open, we also open our homes to unwelcome characters. Police in some north Texas towns have been going house to house recently, warning people of these potential dangers. Be careful, think safety, don't become a victim.

Here are some things you can do to reduce the odds of being a target for theft, rape or assault.

1. Carry the garage remote with you when you're out of sight of the garage and keep the door closed.

2. Buy some electronic motion detectors at Radio Shack or other home supply stores and place them at appropriate locations. Many of these items install with Velcro strips and they're very noisy. Should an intruder get near an open door or window, the alarm will be activated. These devices are not expensive, and they have the added advantage of being easily removed when not needed.

3. If you have an alarm system, make sure that there is a sign in both the front and back yard which is highly visible. If your signs are old, call the alarm company and have them bring you new ones. If you do not have an alarm system, you can buy yard and window signs to install at some Security stores

4. Most importantly: If you have people working on your property, make sure they don't know that you live alone, have poor sight, collect silver dollars, or that you're an eccentric millionaire. You're allowed to tell the nosy worker about your son, the retired pro-wrestler who's living with you now and is extremely protective of his mother or father. You can also brag about the time you won the "Marksman of the Year" award at Ft. Hood. Anyone who tells everyone how lonely life is because they live alone is much more likely to be a target than the one who tells a few "beneficial white lies".

5. Never ever tell telemarketers that you live alone or that you're a widow or widower. You have no way of knowing who these people are and/or who they may share the information with.

6. Pay close attention to people following you to the parking lot when you grocery shop, go to the bank, pick up a prescription, etc.

7. Don't let door to door sales people into your home.

8. When you have your car repaired or serviced, don't leave your house key on the key ring. Make the ignition key the only one you leave on the key ring. It's too easy to make an impression of your house key.

9. Your neighbor can be a great deal of help. Tell them when you are going away and ask him/her to keep an eye on your home. You do the same for them.

10. Don't stop your newspaper when you're going away, ask one of your neighbors to pick it up each morning and put it inside or place it in the trash for you. In other words, tell as few strangers as possible that you're not at home.

11. Often, you see or hear something that gets your attention, something that just doesn't seem right. You wonder if you should call the police. To call or not to call, that's the question. Well, a good rule to follow might be "when in doubt, call them out". In these times, we hate to place extra burdens on our police, but they'll be the first to tell us to call if we suspect a problem. It takes less time and manpower to prevent a crime than it does to investigate and prosecute the criminals after they're committed the crime. Prevention is the best answer.

Open Garage Doors

As we've previously noted, an open garage door is an invitation to intruders.

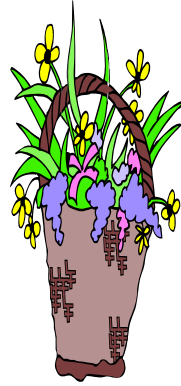
We've been warning residents about this danger for months, and we've been sending postcards to alert them when a garage door is found open. Most people welcome the postcards and pay more attention to keeping their door closed. Unfortunately, some residents ignore the warnings, ignore the postcards and ignore the potential dangers. At the same time, they are inviting unwelcome visitors into the entire neighborhood, putting their neighbors at risk as well as themselves. C.O.P. patrollers will be meeting with N.P.O. Officer Gooch to brainstorm this problem soon. We'll then let everyone know what decisions we've made in the May O.N.A. newsletter.

New Patrollers Always Welcome

The Oakridge C.O.P. always needs patrollers. If you're interested please give me a call at 972-495-3402 and I'll provide you with an application. The next C.O.P. training session will be held as soon as the Garland Police Department has enough applications to fill a class.

OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS - APRIL
By Dianne Winter

SPRING is busting out all over for the Oakridge Daytimers. Members are busy creating decorations for the tables for the wonderful April Luncheon to be held at the home of **Roberta** Jones—April 16, 11:30 AM



These table decorations are going to be quite creative with themes from different groups. There will be tables with arches, flowers, bridge cards, birdhouses and other ideas from individuals. We will meet there with any chapeaus that adorn the heads of the members on April 14th and enjoy salads and the fellowship of the group. The Arts and Crafts group has created favors for everyone in attendance.

The nominating committee will announce the officers for the coming year and we will present them in May.

All of the interest groups will be carrying on with the usual schedule for May and then we will enter our summer schedule and have some planning time.

APRIL BIRTHDAY wishes to:
Norene Murphy (91) and Betty Prickett

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Tuesday, May 14th 10 am

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STEVE BLOW –COLUMNIST DALLAS MORNING NEWS



For questions or suggestions concerning **Daytimers** contact **Dianne Winter**, president, at ddwinter@home.com or 972-530-6210. Dues are \$12 per year- prorated from January.

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