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## Another Year Has Come and Gone.....

*Scott Youzva*

Our fiscal year is nearing the end and we regretfully have to say goodbye to some of the board and committee members that in some cases have been serving for quite a few years. For fear of missing someone, I want to thank all who have served this past year a hearty round of thanks and I appreciate everything they have contributed to the ONA. One person that I must single out is Jackie Griffin, who has gone above and beyond in helping in so many ways. She has assembled, printed and delivered the newsletter for several years, but this is just one of the many tasks that she has undertaken. Thanks for the job well done; we will miss your thoroughness.

The election of the new board members will take place at the next General Meeting taking place this on May 23rd . We hope that everyone will come to meet the new board members that will assume their responsibilities on June 1, 2002. Plans are being made to have a neighborhood wide event in the fall to coincide with the completion of the Oakridge Country Club. We are hoping to schedule this event in conjunction with an open house at the Club. They have been making several renovations to the clubhouse and the grounds around the clubhouse. This will be a good opportunity to see all of the new opportunities at the club. I might mention that the club is offering a summer swim membership this year that is really affordable. Please contact the Club for details.

Membership renewals are in the mail. Please consider sending this in as soon as possible. We are trying to expand the amount of landscaping at our entryways, but this takes additional funding. The longer it takes for us to receive your renewal, the more time and energy it takes away from volunteers to do other things. Remember to ask your neighbors if they are members of the ONA. If not, ask them to consider to join!

With the school year coming to a close, please pay special attention to your garage doors closed. We always experience some thefts from garages in the summer months due to this problem. I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer this year. Let's keep an eye out for our neighbors and keep Oakridge the best neighborhood in the city. Don't forget the sunscreen! 1



**General  
Membership  
Meeting**

**Thursday,  
May 23, 2002  
Social: 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**

**Elect your  
new O.N.A.  
board**

## OAKRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB

*Libby Morse*

### At the Last Meeting:

We met at Luna De Noches Tex Mex Grill to weather the storm! It was fun. We also had a girl's night out with a movie at Sharron's. The old Cinderella brought back many memories.

### Next Month:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Pam's house. The meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. We will start planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade chairman is Tracy Murphy. Come with some great ideas to help Tracy out! Call Libby at 972-495-9034 for directions, or if you would like to help with the parade.

### 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 Libby Morse at 972-495-9034 for information, or E-mail Libby at [tomlib@attbi.com](mailto:tomlib@attbi.com).

**Thanks Jackie for all the work you have done on the Oakridge newsletter through the years!  
Your hard work has been appreciated!**

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## **Thanks!**

*Jackie Griffin*

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the ONA and helped me directly or indirectly with the newsletter over the years. As some of you know I have been doing the newsletter for 7 years and need a break!

First of all thank you Luanne Payne for all your time & patience in the early years of me doing the newsletter. You were a great help! Thanks to Mary Musseman and Pam Hubbard who have been there since I said I would help with the newsletter. They have both helped with layout, proofreading, labels, and post office runs. Thanks also go to Kelly Prater who has recently taken up the printer runs, labels, and post office!

A special thanks to Jim – my better half – who has been there to help with PC problems, printer problems and operator problems. Without him there have been newsletters that might not have been finished! You are special!

I am not leaving Oakridge, or the ONA! I am grateful to all of you for your tolerance and help through the years. I have made many friends through the ONA and the Daytimers and am a better person because of all of you!

Thanks also to Dana Hopkins – she is going to do the newsletter!!! Everyone will be kind and supportive, but good luck anyway!

## **A BIG THANKS TO OAKRIDGE RESIDENTS**

*MIKE ROSE*

**I wanted to take this opportunity to say a great big *thank you* to all the residents of Oakridge who supported me and voted for me in my recent bid for councilman for District 7. I also want to congratulate Mike Monroe for his win as councilman and Bob Day for his win as mayor. I'm confident that both of them will work hard for a bright future for Garland.**



## **NOMINATION CHANGE**

Last month the nominating committee reported that Scott Youzva had agreed to be on the ballot for the position of President of the O.N.A. again. However, Scott has recently indicated that he is extremely busy and sees no chance of a reduction in his current workload anytime soon. He believes the community would be better served by someone who has more time to spend on matters of concern to Oakridge. Former president, Mike Rose, has agreed to step up to the plate and be a candidate for the office of president again. We have an excellent slate of officers this year, many are going to be "first timers" and we're looking forward to a very successful year. Please come to the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to cheer them on!

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## C.O.P. /Crime Watch Report

Bill Olive

### CRIME STATISTICS FOR MARCH

3200 block of Ridge Oak Dr. - 3/19- approx. 6pm – Habitation Burglary.

3300 block of Bending Oaks Tr. - 3/29- approx. 4pm – Unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

### SOME GOOD NEWS!

As you read this, pat yourself on the back for a job well done because our reported crimes for the first quarter of this year, as compared to 2001, are way down! According to the Garland Police Department reports, we only had 6 reported crimes for the first three months of 2002 vs. 35 reported crimes for the same period in 2001. This is really great news. Let's keep it up folks, don't let the warmer weather cause an increase in the crime rate simply because garage doors are being left open again. Also, be careful to keep those valuable items, like golf clubs, out of sight if you're having a garage sale. Don't encourage thieves to come back later to pick up some "free items". And, don't forget, summer vacation is coming for school kids, there's always a few "bored kids" who think breaking in or snatch and grabbing is fun. Be on the lookout for the "strange" vehicles and people in your area, let's keep the crime rate down in Oakridge.

## Vacation Watch

If you're planning a vacation and would like someone from the G.P.D.

"volunteers in policing" unit to check on your home you need to fill out a Vacation Watch Request form at the front desk of the G.P.D., located at 217 North Fifth Street. Uniformed volunteers in a marked Garland Police car will check homes of Garland citizens who're away from home on vacation to insure that no burglar has broken in and that your home and property are safe while you're away.

### LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

For the past year I've had the pleasure of writing a monthly article for the O.N.A. Newsletter. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Jackie Griffin, editor of the newsletter, for the help she's provided to me. Jackie's given much to our neighborhood and seldom gets any recognition for all of her hard work. Not only has she been the editor of the newsletter, she's also graciously

### 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.

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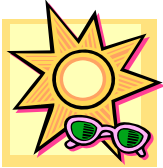
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Our Summer Swim Members are also invited to join our Annual Holiday Celebrations and Children's Summer Camps, Swim Lessons and/or Swim Team.



For information call our Membership Office at (972) 530-8008.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

*Peggy Richey, Membership Director*

We are having a wonderful response to invoicing for our annual dues. In speaking to many homeowners it was easier to send us a check with our return envelope. To date we have around 230 renewals. Thank you to many of you who send extra funds for the beautification committee to plant flowers and beautify our entrances.

We have also received checks from many new members. My guess is that we had 15 to 20 new people and other homeowners in the neighborhood that used to belong. For those of you who gave us proper spelling of your names we appreciate it and we are making every effort to make sure our mailing labels are correct. One of the problems we do have is for those of you who have two last names. Sometimes, depending on which program we are pulling from and we have two, there is only so much space in the name lines which jumbles the names and we are trying to fix that. We appreciate your patience.

Enjoy the wonderful weather and thank you for your renewal checks.

## **RISING PROPERTY TAXES**

*Peggy Richey, Keller Williams*

Many of you have already contacted me about the large property tax increase this year. I know that the market has been flat since July 2001, but the taxes have been behind the values. Some of you are justified in fighting the increase in your tax increase, while others have found that the tax increase is close to their value or just under.

Let me know if you think your taxes are unfair and I would be glad to give you numbers. The larger increase is a result of the taxing authorities always being behind the market and making a major effort to get caught up this year. Be careful that in the years to come you don't see them continue to rise if we are in a flat market and if it starts to decline, you may want to keep watch on the values.

## **Teens**

*Stella Dollar*

Hey, Teens! Are you tired of doing the same things with the same people? Then it's time to join Oakridge's newest club just for teens ages 13-19. This club was made by teens for teens. We'll play sports, go on outings, have cook-outs, and make new friends that live in the neighborhood. We'll meet twice a month in the summer and once a month during the school year. The first meeting, a hot dog cook-out, will be held at Stella Dollar's house: 2410 Lone Oak Trail on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 2-5 p.m. Please call by June 12<sup>th</sup> so we know how much food we'll need: 972-530-4534 (ask for Stella). If you can't make this meeting but want to join, or if you have any questions please give Stella a call.

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<b>972-205-3210</b>
<b>Councilman, Lowell Hyatt</b>	<b>972-495-9394</b>
<b>Off. Jeff Gooch NPO</b>	<b>972-205-2740</b>

## Oakridge Daytimers

Dianne Winter



April showers did not dampen the spirits of the Daytimers as they gathered at the lovely home of **Roberta Jones** for the spring luncheon. Nearly forty members gathered to share *friendship, fellowship and fun* – our motto. The tables were creatively decorated by members whose imagination was demonstrated in assorted centerpieces. Gardening, rabbits, bridge, beach, birdhouses, romance, colors, flowers, spring, elegance and opulence were some of the themes used to inspire these creations. The quality and assortment of salads, desserts and other foods equaled the centerpieces.

It was quite a feat to move the luncheon inside when the weather did not cooperate, but by the time the beautiful arch was removed and card tables and chairs and centerpieces and dishes distributed, almost every member had participated, but a few who were there from beginning to end under Roberta's direction, (we won't even mention the air conditioning/leak problem) were **Lucy Brock, Barbara Brunette, Chris Beyers, Shirley Hill, Sue Pauly, Becky Parks, Trudy Schmidt and Suzanne Snow**. Others who contributed who haven't already been mentioned were **Carolyn Wallen, Brenda Britton, JoAnne Williams, Mary Jensen, Dianne Winter and Janice Schadegg, Diane Owens and Mary Jo Herring**. As you can see this was quite a team effort with everyone contributing in one manner or another to produce this lovely event.

The May 14<sup>th</sup> Coffee at the home of **Chris Beyers** will feature Dallas Morning News columnist, Steve Blow. This gathering will be an enjoyable finale to the year. Food hostesses are **Sue Pauly, Audrey Golden, Pat Cathcart and Doris Autrey**.

Since no coffees are scheduled this summer, keep in touch with your group. New officers and group leaders will be introduced at the May meeting so check with the list below for information for summer and future activities and information. We will look forward to gathering in September.

## OFFICERS

**President : Becky Parks**  
**Vice President: Chris Beyers**  
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**Honorary President: Roberta Jones**

## CHAIRPERSONS

**Hospitality: Jo Dietz**  
**Sunshine: Mary Jensen and Dianne Winter**  
**Calendar: Gail Durbin**  
**Historian/Scrapbook: Lucy Brock**  
**Secret Pals: Sarah Traylor**  
**Name Tags: JoAnn Williams**

## GROUP LEADERS

**Arts and Crafts: Jo Dietz and Roberta Jones**  
**Book Club: Betty Thomas**  
**Bridge: Mary Pattie**  
**Canasta: Barbara Brunette and Margaret Fowler**  
**Stitch and Chat: Norene Murphy and Mary Musseman**  
**Power Walkers: Becky Parks**  
**Water Aerobics: Becky Parks and Jackie Griffin**

SEPTEMBER COFFEE TUESDAY,  
the 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Gail Durbin  
10 am 3322Greenview



Daytimers is a social organization that promotes the Oakridge Community. Residence in Oakridge and \$12 yearly dues constitute membership. We promote Oakridge Neighborhood Association. It is time to join!

## THE "NEW" OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

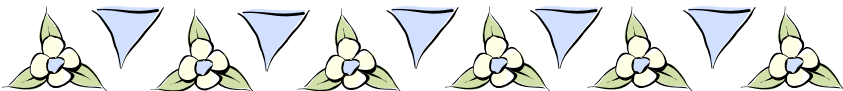
BRENDA OLIVE

For anyone who hasn't seen the renovations inside the Oakridge Country Club, you're in for a very nice surprise. Every thing looks fresh and new, more regal, yet more modern. For Mother's Day the club went all out, with red roses on the tables, quick, polite and smiling service and, best of all, food, food and more food to please even the most finicky of palates. Everything was laid out in an efficient manner so that long lines weren't jammed up at each of the service areas and the food tasted just a wonderful as it looked. Cold items were cold, warm items were warm and hot foods were served hot. Great attention had been paid to the fine details in the presentation to make everything beautiful and appetizing. And I assure you the taste of the items was just as delicious as they looked.


I attended the second seating and everything went off without a hitch, the room was clean, linens were fresh, the sittings were perfect, and as you were seated you were offered a choice of drinks immediately, and just as quickly, they were served. The new colors in the dining rooms lighten and brighten the area but lend it a more sophisticated appeal. Staff members were very attentive, soiled plates were removed immediately, and glasses and cups were refilled rapidly. The food, service, and ambiance were more in keeping with a fine dining establishment, in my humble opinion, the Club has moved upscale!

It would be wonderful if the club could count on our community to have a full house every Sunday, as well as for daily lunches and dinners. Perhaps some of today's visitors were impressed with today's showing the same as I and will be joining soon.

Gleaming, artistically designed ice sculpture vases holding long stemmed red roses greeted guests as you entered the club and they graced the serving tables in the dining room as well. Then, to top off a perfect brunch, each mother received her very own, long stemmed red rose to take home to remind her that she had had a marvelous experience and she had not had to cook it herself!



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