



# Oakridge News



Hello, ONA members.  
As always, thanks for your encouragement and support.

If yours was one of the 20 sidewalks to be repaired as part of the neighborhood vitality program, I'm disappointed to tell you we had to remove these projects from our submission. The cost of the sidewalk repairs put us in the 20% match category, increasing the ONA match for our neighborhood projects by \$1,140. I didn't feel this was fair to all 502 members to pay an extra \$1,140 for our neighborhood projects to in essence subsidize the sidewalk repairs of 20 homeowners. The ONA Board agreed unanimously, so the sidewalk projects were pulled.

Now, that being said, the City still has its 50/50 sidewalk repair program in place. If you feel your sidewalk needs repair, give City Engineering a call at (972) 205-2170, and they'll send someone out to evaluate your sidewalk. If the City agrees your sidewalk needs repair, they'll split the cost of the repairs with you. It's a very generous offer by the City.

I hope you'll check out our ONA Thanksgiving section on the ONA website ([www.oakridgena.com](http://www.oakridgena.com)). You'll find lots of recipes and tips to help you make this Thanksgiving the best ever.

Please check out Luann Payne's article regarding **Christmas Dinner for the Firemen**. Let's overwhelm Luann and the firemen with our support this year. It may be the best Christmas the firemen, and you, have ever had.

The annual **ONA Christmas Decorations Contest** is on again this year. Check out the article in this month's newsletter. No "finalists" this year -- we'll definitely have three winners with signs in their yards.

That's about it for now. I hope you and your family have a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE FIREMEN**

by Luanne Payne

Soon Thanksgiving will be over and you can start planning for the Christmas holidays. We now have 3 fire stations that respond to Oakridge. Station No. 3 at Jupiter & Bobbie Lane, Station No. 6 on Holford and the newest Station No. 11 on Beltline @ Sam Houston. Each year, and I believe this will be year #7, we have been able to deliver Christmas dinner to the firemen who are working on Christmas Day. This is a special treat for them and their families.

As always, I need salads, veggies, side dishes, breads and of course, desserts. This year I will need 3 individual dishes prepared. Usually there are 12 to 14 people to feed at each station. If you do not bake and would rather make a cash donation this is very helpful also, as I have to purchase paper products and other incidentals. You can make the check out to me, Luanne Payne and mail to: 2813 Willow Ridge Dr., Garland, Tx 75044.

The dishes have to be delivered to me on Christmas Eve or early Christmas morning. My family and I leave my house at 10:30 for Station No. 3, 10:50 for Station No. 6 and Station No. 11 at 11:10. If anyone would like to deliver with us you are more than welcome. The more the merrier. If you have little ones with you, the firemen love to show off their trucks and enjoy seeing the kids. When you decide what you are planning to bake, please call me so I will know what we need and what we have too much of. You may call me, Luanne Payne, at 972-530-9323 with any questions you may have. Thanks for taking time out of your busy holiday schedules to give back to the people who are there for us everyday, 24/7.



Table of Contents			
page 1 .....	From the ONA President & Community Service Project	page 5 .....	No Soliciting Signs & Bill Olive Letter
page 2 .....	Somebody Said & Councilman Monroe's Note	page 6 .....	Ads
page 3 .....	Annual Decoration Contest	page 7 .....	What's with the Fork?
page 4 .....	ONA Decals ; OWC & Daytimers	page 8 .....	ONA Board members & Meeting Dates

**"Somebody"** *author unknown*

**Somebody** said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby . . somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal is history.

**Somebody** said you learn how to be a mother by instinct somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

**Somebody** said being a mother is boring . . . somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

**Somebody** said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good" ... somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

**Somebody** said "good" mothers never raise their voices somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

**Somebody** said you don't need an education to be a mother . . somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

**Somebody** said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first. . somebody doesn't have five children.

**Somebody** said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books . . . somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.

**Somebody** said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. . . somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten . . .

or on a plane headed for military "boot camp"

**Somebody** said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back . . somebody never organized seven giggling Brownies to sell cookies.

**Somebody** said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married... somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heart strings.

**Somebody** said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home... somebody never had grandchildren.

**Somebody** said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her . . . somebody isn't a mother

To all

We wanted to let everyone know that Tami and I are the proud new parents of Case Mohler Monroe. He weighs in at 8 lb 10oz and is 21 7/8 long and both mom and son are in great condition. Thanks to you all for your thoughts and prayers.

Mark Monroe

*Mark Monroe*  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
972-495-8028  
mmonroe@ci.garland.tx.us



**"LET SUE DO IT"**

SO THE REFRIGERATOR REPAIRMAN IS  
COMING TODAY  
BUT YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT  
MEETING?



**"LET SUE DO IT"**

OKAY—YOU NEED A WEEK AWAY,  
BUT KITTY AND ROVER  
DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE KENNEL?

**"LET SUE DO IT"**

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS  
AND THE PRICES ARE REASONABLE

PET SITTING OR HOUSE SITTING

MAIL/PAPER PICKUP (NOMINAL CHARGE)

ERRANDS (BANK, CLEANERS, PHARMACY)

GROCERY SHOPPING (ESPECIALLY FOR HOME BOUND)

RIDES (i.e. SOCCER, ORTHO, DOCTOR, etc., etc.)

New Item  
Gift Certificates

**"LET SUE DO IT"**

Oakridge Area Resident Since 1988

**Sue Hageland**  
972-530-5089

Quality Work & Great Rates!!

**MR. FIX-IT-ALL**  
WE FIX <sup>ALMOST</sup> ANYTHING

972-272-3700 FREE ESTIMATES

- ROOFING
- PAINTING
- HONEY-DO-LISTS
- PLUMBING
- FENCE REPAIR
- GENERAL REPAIRS
- REMODELING
- SHEET ROCK
- ELECTRICAL
- BATHROOM TILE & CAULKING

## 2004 Oakridge Christmas Decorating Contest

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association is again having its annual outdoor Christmas decorating contest. Participation is restricted to ONA members. ONA Board members and prior winners will not be eligible. Judging will be during the weekend of December 11<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be done by city officials. Winners with pictures will be announced on the ONA web site ( [www.oakridgena.com](http://www.oakridgena.com) ). Also, signs indicating the winners will be placed in their respective yards.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	-	\$ 50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	-	\$ 30.00
Honorable Mention	-	\$ 20.00

Join the fun and make the Oakridge community an interesting and festive place to live.

SAVE WITH THIS VALUABLE COUPON

# 1/2 OFF

## FIRST THREE MONTHS RENT

ON ANY SIZE UNIT  
WITH THIS COUPON

# U-STOR

SELF STORAGE  
2809 BELT LINE RD.  
GARLAND, TX 75044

## 972-495-9505

Not valid with any other offer.  
New customers only.  
One coupon per unit rented.  
First three month's only.  
Limited time offer.  
Other restrictions may apply.

Philip Hanas  
**OAKRIDGE PAINT & PAPER**  
*Oakridge Resident Free Estimates*



Day 214 -724 -1912  
Eve. 972- 414 -1912

**PAINTING:** Interior & Exterior  
Refinish Doors & Cabinets  
Repair Drywall & Texture

**WALLPAPER:** Hanging, Removal, Prep

**CARPENTRY:** Repair Soffits & Fascia  
Install new trim, moldings

**TRUST:** Quality work done by  
the owner

LET SONNY DO YOUR HONEY DO'S

**"SMALL JOB SPECIALIST IN HOME REPAIRS"**

35 YEARS EXPERIENCE

IN HOME REPAIRS  
LOCKS \* FANS \* STORM DOORS

REAL ESTATE INSPECTION REPAIRS

SONNY PARKS

## 972-741-9929



## Now Available **ONA Decals** by Karen Engler

Support the ONA and identify yourself as an Oakridge resident. Decals may be placed on your car to show that you live in the neighborhood. We are suggesting that you place it on the lower left side of the back window (driver's side). The decals are black and white with a logo exactly like the one above. They are \$1.00 each.

call Karen Engler at 972 414-3272.  
I will drop one by your house.

### Oakridge Women's Club by Libby Morse

**ATTENTION!** WE have changed our meeting night! If you couldn't meet with us on Tuesdays- Join us for our new night- the first **THURSDAY** of the month!

Thank you Amy for Hosting the kids Christmas party! It was fun to see all the little goblins in the bounce house!

Don't forget the following important dates:

**Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm- Adult Christmas party at Benihana's**

**Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>- Girls night out: Limo Ride to see Christmas lights**

**Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> Santa party 1-3pm at Tracy's**

**HAPPY Holidays!**

If you would like more details and directions about the upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our President, Tracy Murphy at 972-496-3165. Or you may e-mail Libby Morse at TOMLIB@comcast.net

*The Oakridge Women's Club is open to all women in the Oakridge neighborhood who share a common bond in the love of our children and families. We welcome prospective new members at all meetings! Annual dues are \$20.00.*

### OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS by Dianne Winter

November holidays signify abundance and that theme was apparent at the November Coffee that was held at the home of **Mary Musseman**. There was an abundance of members, food, fun and fellowship.

Thanks to the food hostesses for the coffee who were **Martha Boyette, Margaret Fowler, Mary Jensen, Chris Beyers and Jackie Tucker**.

**Mary Musseman** introduced the guests and new members: **Dana Hopkins, Margaret Koning and Cecile LaBosier**.

Sharon Rutherford escorted her daughters, Priscilla and Rebecca, to the meeting. The daughters provided beautiful piano music for the group during the social and refreshment time. All three were so gracious and the Daytimers appreciated the piano entertainment.

The group leaders who are listed on the calendar and in the directory made the following announcements concerning the upcoming events.

**Betty Thomas** reported that the Book Club would meet at Brenda Britton's on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Mary Pattie** announced that **Shirley Mohler**, a new member, would be a substitute for the bridge groups.

The Canasta Groups were signing up new member for their group.

**Sharon Carlton** reported that a tour of the Performing Arts Center, led by Patty Granville, and a trip on the Dart train is planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Becky Parks** reported that ETC and Garden Club with **Eleanor Nelson** have combined efforts for a joint luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Norene Murphy** wants members to come to Stitch and Chat whether they want to sew or not.

Ruby Nell Ormon **explained the Secret Pal System and directed the preliminary step of paperwork to prepare for the drawing in December**.

Our faithful **Audrey King** announced and congratulated those who have birthdays in December. **Winell Harline** won the coveted door prize.

President Mary Musseman shared a reading, *Enough*, and announced the plans for the December Cookie exchange. she assured us that Pat Cathcart will be there to accompany the caroling and that Ruby Nell will participate.

The Oakridge Daytimers Cookie Exchange

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm**

**Oakridge Country Club**

**Bring a plate of cookies if you want to exchange**

*Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$12.00 dues. Daytimers promote the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association.*

*Any questions should be directed to Mary Musseman, 972-414-1098, or Suzanne Snow, 972-414-3747.*

*If you have information for this column, please email [mdkwinter@comcast.net](mailto:mdkwinter@comcast.net) or call 972-530-6210.*

**NO  
SOLICITING**

**ORD # 2651  
CITY OF GARLAND**

**ONA No Soliciting Signs** *by Mike Rose*

As you drive around the Oakridge community you might notice many homes with a "No Soliciting" sign placed near their front door. Our COP group started this effort and the ONA Board would like to see this effort continue to grow. These signs are available from the ONA Board. Contact Mike Rose at 972.414.8598 to receive your sign. Each sign costs \$10.00. As our community expands the placement of these signs we hope that the number of solicitors is reduced. Why not do your part and order a sign today.

***Let's continue to make the Oakridge community a strong and concerned place to live.***



Oakridge Neighborhood  
Association  
[oakridgena.com](http://oakridgena.com)



November 8, 2004

Bill Olive  
Citizens on Patrol Coordinator, Oakridge Neighborhood  
2726 Laurel Oaks Drive  
Garland, Texas 75044

Re: Your Service to Oakridge Neighborhood as COP Coordinator

Dear Bill,

The ONA Board and I would like to offer our thanks and gratitude for your service to our neighborhood as Citizens on Patrol (COP) coordinator. The time, effort and dedication you gave to Oakridge were inspiring and are truly appreciated.

The Oakridge neighborhood was a much safer and friendlier place to live during your time as COP coordinator.

Please accept the enclosed token of our appreciation. Though we could never repay you for your time and resources, we wanted you to at least have a nice meal on the ONA.

The Garland Police Department asked that we include their three-badge logo in our letter of commendation to also show their appreciation for your service.

Thanks again, Bill.

Sincerely,

Nelson Prater  
President, Oakridge Neighborhood Association

7 Days  
24 Hour  
EMERGENCY  
SERVICE

**Need Help?  
We're On The Way!**



**RICHARDSON**  
Heating Air Conditioning and Appliance Repair

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL**  
Repair Specialists  
*Service on All Makes & Models*

NO HOURLY LABOR CHARGES  
All Repairs Are Done On Flat Rate Basis

You know the exact repair  
cost before repairs are made

"We Know Our Business And Appreciate Yours"  
CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE ON PROFESSIONAL DUCT CLEANING

OAKRIDGE RESIDENT SINCE 1986.  
OWNER: GARY HEARN

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION

9  
7  
2

**272-1606**

TACLA003291



## Handi Gals

Tired of those minor household jobs  
that never get done?

- Plumbing: faucets, disposal, toilets, sinks
- Electrical: ceiling fans, light fixtures, outlets
- Security: door locks or window locks

Honest Estimate - Dependable Service  
Reasonable Prices

Call Cecile - An Oakridge Resident since 1995  
Phone: 972-896-9413 or 972-414-8057  
email: [cmleks@prodigy.net](mailto:cmleks@prodigy.net)

NO JOB IS TOO SMALL

**OAKRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**  
*Join now with ZERO INITIATION!!!!...*

- 3 Country Clubs with 1 membership
- 54 holes of Incredible Golf
- 4 Refreshing Pools
- 23 Lighted Tennis Courts
- Exceptional Dining and Social Events

Call Amanda in the Membership Office at  
972.530.8008 ext 241

We also provide Customized Catering for

- Weddings
- Anniversaries
- Sweet Sixteen Parties
- Business Meetings
- Tournaments

Available to Non Members  
Contact Oly Goujat  
972-530-8008 Ext 239

**MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

# D&L

a/c, electrical, plumbing, painting, home repairs & remodeling

**David & Leanne Stump, Owners / Operators**



**"Fully Insured"**  
Member Better Business Bureau

**3117 Nutmeg Ln  
Garland, TX 75044  
Tel: 469-443-043  
Cell: 469-569-8402**

*Don't let repairs stump you...let me do it for you!*

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

<b>Police &amp; Fire Emergencies</b>	911		
<b>Police Non-Emergencies</b>	972-485-4840		
<b>Lone Star Gas</b>	1-800-817-8090		
<b>Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</b>	972-205-3500	<b>Street Light Repair</b>	972-205-3483
<b>Code Compliance</b>	972-485-6400	<b>Animal Services</b>	972-205-3570
<b>Tim George</b>	972-485-6418	<b>Electricity Emergency</b>	972-205-3000
<b>Poison Center</b>	1-800-764-7661		
<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	972-205-3210		
<b>Councilman, Mark Monroe</b>	972-495-8028	<b>NPO Tony Blassingame</b>	972 -205-2740

**"What's with the fork?"** *author unknown*

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her "things in order", she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The pastor stood looking at the young woman, not quite knowing what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from there on out, I have always done so. I have also, always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would invariably say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork...the best is yet to come." The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and what it symbolized to her. The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always open their hearts to us. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

And "Keep your fork."

**Experience The Difference**



**Body & Soul for Her**

**2159 Buckingham Rd  
Richardson, TX 75081**  
*Located at Buckingham & Jupiter next to Albertsons*

**ATTENTION:  
LADIES OF ALL AGES**

**FEEL Younger**      **LOOK Younger**

**THINK Younger**

**YOU have the POWER!**

Women of all ages CAN:

- Increase Energy
- Improve Health
- Sharpen the Mind
- ENJOY LIFE!

**SAVE \$60**  
Redeem this coupon to receive \$5 off per month\*

**FREE 14 DAY TRIAL!**

**Member of the Better Business Bureau**

972-235-8700 [www.BodyAndSoulForHer.com](http://www.BodyAndSoulForHer.com) \*Valid with 12 month membership only

**BILLY JACK**  
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

TX Lic # LI 6099

BBB MEMBER  
Dallas/Northeast Texas

**LANDSCAPE & SOD INSTALLATION**  
• 3 Year Warranty  
On Installations

FREE ESTIMATES  
On Installation Only

RAIN BIRD  
Select Contractor™

MasterCard  
VISA

BACKFLOW TESTING  
VALVE LOCATION  
CONTROL WIRING PROBLEMS  
DRAINAGE SERVICES

100% FINANCING AVAILABLE  
(Up To 60 Mo. N.A.C.)


OR 214-460-2209

972-303-0007

www.billyjacksprinkler.com

**SPRINKLER CO.**  
REPAIR, DESIGN & INSTALLATION

The Oakridge News is a publication of the Oakridge Neighborhood Association



**OFFICERS**  
President Nelson Prater  
Vice President Keith Engler  
Secretary Gwen Garrett  
Treasurer Sherril Rutherford Franks

**DIRECTORS**  
District 1 Sue Cole  
District 2 Martha Dollar  
District 3 Mary Reed  
District 4 Karen Engler  
District 5 Michelle Slater  
District 6 Phil Hanas  
District 7 Scott Youzva

**COMMITTEES**  
Membership Jackie Griffin  
Communications Mike Rose  
Environmental Chuck Teske  
& Safety Fern Cook  
Welcome Wagon

**CITY OFFICIALS**  
NPO Tony Blasingame  
City Councilman Mark Monroe

The ONA Board set the dates for the General Membership meetings.  
Mark your calendars:  
September 23, 2004  
March 24, 2005  
May 26, 2005  
Check the ONA web site for current information  
[www.oakridgenna.com](http://www.oakridgenna.com)

The ONA Board meets the Third Thursday of each month to conduct the business of the ONA.

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 450145  
GARLAND, TX 75045-0145

Change Service Requested

PRRST STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT # 573  
GARLAND TX 75040