



Oakridge News



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Saturday May 14, 2005 3:00p m - 6:00p m

Mark that date on your calendar as it will be the first all Oakridge residents family picnic. See map on page 4 for additional details



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MARCH 24

ONA General Meeting

Where - Oakridge Country Club
 Time - 6:30 Social
 7:00 Meeting
 Meet Mayor Bob Day and hear him discuss "The State of the City 2005" and to ask questions

Elect the 2005 ONA Nominating Committee

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Dear Garland Friends,
 During the last three years, Garland has accomplished more than we could ever have dreamed possible. The Firewheel Town Center is under construction and will open in October. The Harbor Point/Bass Pro Shop has been finalized and will break ground soon. The Downtown Initiative is waking up Garland's central area with new businesses, plans for transit-oriented-development and support from the community. The "We the People" Conference gathered together the diverse Garland community and led to the establishment of the Community Multicultural ICommission. Last spring, sensing the new enthusiasm, the citizens of Garland responded to the new Garland Vision and approved the largest bond program in Garland's history. Despite the exciting prospects for the long term, the City has faced difficult decisions in recent budgets. Declining landfill revenues, shrinking franchise fees, stagnant property values and sales tax receipts, along with increases in healthcare costs and other symptoms of an overall sluggish economy left us facing deficits each year. Fortunately, working together, city management, Council and I found ways to close that gap without increasing property tax rates. Unfortunately, last year that included the painful decision to reduce the number of city employees and freeze salaries. Our success might be termed a miracle, but these accomplishments took lots of hard work from many people. As Mayor, I have been honored to lead these groups of citizens and staff that have dedicated themselves to making Garland, a better place to live, work and raise a family. I am running unopposed for my re-election as Mayor on May 7th. During the next two years, we must build on the strong foundation for progress that has been laid during the last 3 years to ensure success for the City of Garland into the future.

For Garland,
 Bob Day, Mayor

Oakridge Women's Club (OWC)

The Oakridge Women's club is seeking new members! Please join us! We would love to meet you and your family!
 The Oakridge Women's Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
 We had a spring picnic for our March Meeting. Thank you Rita! We all had fun! The kids loved the Piñata and egg hunt. In April, We are meeting at Amy's for Keno. Welcome to our Newest Member- Rebecca Pecina!
 If you would like more details about the upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our President, Rita Morrison at 972-495-2961. 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 strong and common bond in the love of our children and families. We welcome prospective new members at all meetings! Annual dues are \$20.00.



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OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION — BOARD MEETING- February 17, 2005

The Board Meeting was held at the home of Jim and Jackie Griffin. The business meeting was called to order by President Nelson Prater at 7:00 P.M. Those present were Nelson Prater, Keith Engler, Sherri Rutherford Franks, Sue Cole, Jackie Griffin, Martha Dollar, Mike Rose, Chuck Teske, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Monroe, Michelle Slater, Mary Reed, and Gwen Garrett. Not in attendance: Karen Engler, Phil Hanas, Kelly Prater & Scott Youzva. The minutes of the last Board Meeting were presented. There were corrections made regarding last months attendance. Sherry made a motion to accept the Minutes, as amended and Mary Reed seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously accepted by the Board. Sherri presented the Treasurer's Report. Michelle Slater made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Jackie Griffin seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved by the Board.

District Director Reports:

Sue Cole, District 1, reported there was a rose bush that had been run over at Ridge Oak, second isle from Jupiter. Chuck said this was teenagers "burning out" in their cars.

Martha Dollar, District 2, presented us with a neighborhood survey to consider for distribution to Oakridge residents. She also noted that a neighbor had erected a 12' x 20' (estimated dimension) storage building in his backyard. This exceeds the height of his 8' fence. It was discussed and noted that it is in compliance with city code because it is on the alley side.

Mary Reed, District 3, nothing to report.

Karen Engler, District 4, absent, but Keith Engler reported there was a mobile pod in the street...needs to be in driveway.

Michelle Slater, District 5, nothing to report.

Phil Hanas, District 6, absent.

Scott Youzva, District 7, absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jackie reported there are three new members.

Communications: Mike Rose had nothing to report.

Crime Prevention and Safety: position vacant.

Environmental: Chuck presented two bids for landscaping, i.e., Aeroscape and Billy Jack Sprinkler Co. Aerospace's price has not changed since last year and was a better price than Billy Jack, so it was voted to keep Aerospace. It was decided we will request that Aerospace break out the taxes on the invoice, so there will be a record of taxes paid. Mike Rose made a motion to accept Aerospace as our landscaper with taxes broken out on invoices. It was seconded by Sue Cole and unanimously voted on to approve. Chuck also requested money for repairs to the fence between Oakridge and the apartments along Richland Drive. He noted there are three places where kids are coming through and roaming around Oakridge. He said it would cost approximately \$400 in material and labor for these repairs. Keith Engler made the motion to approve, motion was seconded by Mike Rose and voted on unanimously in favor of these repairs.

New Business:

Nelson noted that the General Membership Meeting is during holy week. The Mayor will speak at out meeting and his opponent will also be given an opportunity to speak. Mayor Pro Tem and City Councilman, Mark Monroe will also speak and his opponent will also be given the opportunity. Mark will bring a Garland Police Officer to speak. The person who was going to address the group regarding fire ants has postponed until the May meeting. Mike Rose suggested we open up our General Membership Meeting to Briar Oaks, Oakcrest and Camelot.

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association event will be on Saturday, May 14, 2005, from 3:00-6:00 pm. There was discussion about

what all kind of activities and displays we will have plus the food and drinks that will be served. We will finalize these items at our next Board Meeting.

Old Business

Due to time constraints it was decided we would not discuss nonprofit status at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Keith Engler made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Jackie Griffith seconded the motion; unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Garrett



Philip Hanas
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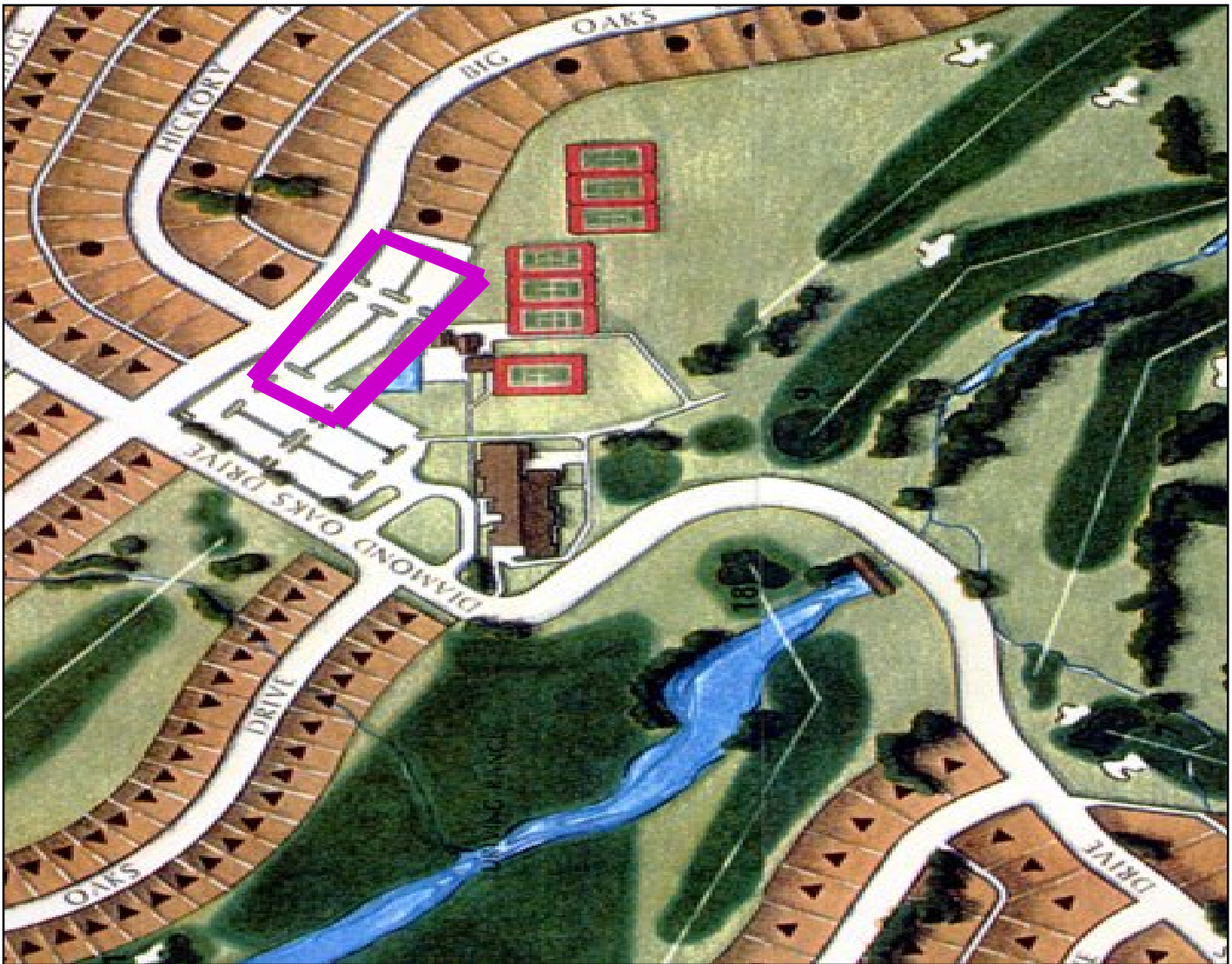
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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS *by Dianne Winter*

Rich Tones were heard and enjoyed at the February Coffee in the home of Betty Prickett on February 8th. Red was the color of the day.

Mary Moch introduced the singers who are part of the Sweet Adelines. Mary is a member of the organization also and informed the Daytimers of the organization and various activities that the Sweet Adelines participate in. Everyone enjoyed the love songs that the quartet presented in anticipation of Valentine's Day. Food hostesses were: Audrey King, Eleanor Nelson, Trudy Schmidt and Lucy Brock.

Masked Audrey King in Mardi gras style announced birthdays. President, Mary Musseman, made other appropriate announcements. Great reports were voiced following the outing to the Garland Performing Arts Center that was arranged and led by Sharon Carlton. After the tour the group lunched at Dos Banderos. Ask Barbara Brunette about a group called the Go Go Girls that evolved from this get together.

The **ETC Group** met at the home of Suzanne Snow to experience the art of "Stamping" with different techniques as demonstrated by Mary Jo Drake.

The March meeting was held at the home of Ruby Nell Ormon on March 8th. The hostess had decorated with a St Patrick's Day theme. Thanks also to the food hostesses who were: Jane Buchanan, Nell Burt, Cecile La Bossier, Mary Medina and Mary Reed. A brief presentation by Jo Dietz and Dianne Winter highlighted the people and places of China. Audience participation and Chinese Fortune Cookies added to the discussion period. The printed calendar that includes the regular activities of the Garden Club, Canastas, Bridge Clubs, Book Club and E.T.C. was distributed.

The **Book Club** will be reviewing "The Quentins" by Maeve Binchy on March 18th at Nell Burt's and "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown on April 15th. **Stitch and Chat** will change dates for this month only. They will meet at Norene Murphy's on Tuesday, March 22nd at 10 am.

The **Garden Club** will meet at the Country Club parking lot on Wednesday, March 23rd to tour the Arboretum. **E.T.C.** will meet at the home of Mary Jo Herring on Monday, March 21st at 1pm.

Birthdays and additional announcements were made that were not included on the calendar.

Please note this calendar change: **APRIL COFFEE** will take place at the home of Suzanne Snow at 2722 Big Oaks Drive on April 12th at 10am.

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.

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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.oakridgena.com

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

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