Oakridge News



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ONA Update

General Meeting

The two remaining ONA General Meetings will be Thursday March 10 and Thursday May 19. Each meeting will be at the Achievement Center of Texas near the corner of Shiloh and Beltline across Shiloh from the Exxon station.

The ONA Bylaw changes will be voted on at the meeting and the Nominating committee will be approved. We will review the ONA financial & membership status. Also, we hear from each district director. Please plan to attend.

A special committee has been appointed to make needed updates to the ONA Bylaws. The proposed changes are listed in detail at the ONA Website www.oakridgeNA.org.

Environmental

There were three accidents during the bad

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ONA General Membership Meetings:

March 10, 2011 May 19, 2011

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Crime Prevention & Safety Bill & Brenda Olive

City Council by Rick Williams

Many recent news stories have dealt with likely reductions in school funding from the State as the State legislators try to balance the budget in Austin. However, you don't hear similar concerns about State funding from Texas cities, and there's a reason for that. Unlike other States. Texas cities are forced to generate their own revenue. Although many Texas cities including Garland are currently dealing with their own fiscal woes, they can take some solace in knowing that their capacity to govern will not be significantly linked to the State budget appropriations process in a year the legislature must close an unprecedented budget gap. Massive budget cuts will dramatically reduce the amount of funding for social services and education in this State. If Texas cities relied on State revenue to fund essential city services, they could expect to see a similar

drastic reduction in funding. In fact, in the flow of money between cities and the State of Texas, the State nets at least \$250 million dollars <u>from</u> cities each year, for example, by taking a chunk of all traffic ticket fines issue in the city. All I ask of our State legislators is don't pass laws which result in unfunded mandates for cities like Garland.

The City of Garland Health Department recently announced the winners of the 2010 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. These winners scored in the top five percent of their category on unannounced food service inspections during the previous year. In the category of full service restaurants, there were 8 winners in Garland and 3 were in District 7—(1) Soprano's Pizza, Subs & More, 5148 N. Jupiter Road; (2) Marlo's House,

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weather. The brick wall along Beltline was hit twice and the East side of the Diamond Oaks Entrance was visited by a car which eventually kissed the telephone pole. Joe Fagan cleaned up the mess and fixed the broken sprinkler. A bollard at Laurel Oaks entrance was hit; again Joe Fagan cleaned up this entrance. See the Crime Prevention and Safety Report from Bill Olive on page 5 for more details on the brick wall. expensive.

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Keith Engler has a goal to allow members to pay their dues online using PayPal by next May. The stretch goal is to develop an online method for members to register. This will ease the work of our membership director from entering all the handwritten membership forms into a spreadsheet. Unfortunately Keith does not have any experience with this and would like to have

somebody help him get this setup. His idea is to rewrite the website using Joomla which appears to have all the templates for PayPal and online registration and the current hosting service give us access to an SQL Database. Keith will honor any other ideas to accomplish the same task. There are companies such as Constant Contact that allow online registration but they are rather

Contact Keith Engler (972-414-3272) if you can The ONA thanks all of our advertisers. They help help him get this setup. It will be a short term task because Keith can maintain it once it is setup.

Home Depot

Our Home Depot recently made a large capitol investment into their building. They had cranes in the back parking lot changing out all the AC units on top of the building. Previously they painted the building and dressed up large drainage hole that backs up to Oakridge. The drainage hole has new photenias, new grass and a rocky retaining wall to prevent washout This big capital expense for the orange box and should (Continued on page 3)



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alleviate any concerns of this store moving to another location.

Oakridge Country Club

The club is fully owned by Hillcrest bank now and they were welcomed into the neighborhood with a broken water pipe.

The pipe broke inside the club and flooded the whole building. Blackmon Mooring is doing the cleanup. They have removed all the sheetrock about 3 feet up from the floor which included removing the paneling. This was a major cleanup job and could probably be considered a remodel when the bank attempts to sell it. Fortunately the bank does have insurance.

Refer the <u>www.OakridgeNA.org</u> for information on the Country club and pending litigation against IRI Golf Group.

As citizens of Oakridge we really need to help keep the club neat until somebody purchases it. I was walking the course the other day and saw where somebody had chairs setup along the shore of the creek near the #2 tee. The chairs are really not the problem but they left multiple beer and wine bottles scattered around their chairs.



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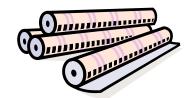
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DayTimers by Diane Winter

Sunshine after some cold days and the expectation of fellowship brought Daytimers together at the home of Ruby Nell Ormon on February 8^{th,} at 10 am. Sharon Carlton greeted everyone warmly as they arrived to visit with friends.

The food hostesses: Nell Burt, Lillian Dalton, Audrey King, Lori Oswald, Bette Taylor and Dianne Winter added brunch dishes to the festively decorated dining table that Ruby Nell had prepared with hearts and red roses – the traditional symbols of Valentine's Day and the theme of the meeting - "Romance in the Air". All the food hostesses contributed tasty dishes, but the highlight was served by Audrey King, resident pastry and candy maker. Audrey had prepared individual molten chocolate cakes for everyone. She also displayed some candies she had made for a relative – just one of the many people she shares the products of her talent with. Audrey contributes a great spirit to the Daytimers' group.

The members were having such a spirited time visiting that it took several attempts to call the meeting to order but Suzanne Snow, president,

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succeeded to gain the attention of everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Announcements were:

- 1. Mah Jongg proceeds as planned.
- 2. Book Club will meet on Feb 18th at the home of Nell Burt.
- 3. Ladies Night Out is meeting in homes now and will meet this month at the home of Ruby Nell Ormon on Feb 24th.
- 4. Ruby Nell announced that the game Blackout is trying to organize if there is enough interest and bridge for the first and third Tuesday afternoons is gaining participation.
- 5. Thanks to Chris Beyers for preparing calendars to keep everyone up to date.

Several activities were discussed:

- 1. A Cowboy Stadium tour
- 2. Wig shopping
- 3. Health program to lose weight with coach, Sharon Carlton
- 4. Concerns were expressed for Roberta Jones, Martha Boyette and Brenda Britton.
- 5. Birthday wishes went to Shirley Larsen, Ernie Gharis and Melvia Coppedge.

Then the fun of the get together began. Betty Cosgray introduced the game, "Name that Tune". She had prepared excerpts from songs of romance for members to guess along with the artist. After ten tunes the correct answers were totaled: The winner was Monica Evans, second place were Sally Weiss, Lillian Dalton and Margaret Fowler. Another winner was Jo Dietz.

Thanks Betty for all the preparation it took for this game. Mary Jensen, hospitality director, presented a beautiful azalea to the door prize winner, Sally Weiss.

Everyone departed looking forward to the next meeting at the home of Sharon Carlton with a fashion show March 8th at 10 am.

Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$15.00 annual dues. Daytimers promote the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Any questions should be directed to president, Suzanne Snow, 972-414-3747.

Crime Prevention & Safety by Bill Olive

The Club

Most of us have seen several men working on the restoration of the club. The bank in Kansas, now the owner of Oakridge Country Club, hired several companies to clean up the "mess" caused by bursting pipes. The water damage was quite severe and would have been worse had Joe Fagan not spotted water running out the club doors on his patrol. A bank official will be here later this month to evaluate the situation and determine how to proceed. Let's all hope there will be a buyer with enough finances to take over as owner. An Oakridge homeowner with a long time relationship with the club is acting as the bank's representative.

Incidents

There has been only one reported criminal incident in Oakridge from Jan. 17 to Feb. 14. Burglary-Vehicle at 2737 Hickory Bend on 2/7/2011

Fire Dept. Awards Dinner

January 28th Brenda and I were guests at the 2010 Garland Fire Department Awards Banquet. Captain Ray of station 11 B Shift received the Outstanding Operations Officer, Scott Roseberry of station 3 B shift was promoted to Captain, and firefighter Thad Weems of station 11 completed his mandatory year of probation status. These are just a few of the many awards given out to Garland's finest Firefighters. There were four firefighters who retired this past year and they had a combined total of 118 years of service to our city.

Fire Station 3 Responds to Help Oakridge Resident

During the recent ice/snow storm we got a call from a resident who accidentally locked herself out of her house and she had food in the oven and on the stove! She sought a neighbors help to go to the home of another Oakridge resident who had a spare key, however, the friend lives on the other side of Oakridge and the streets and driveway were too badly iced to make the drive. Of course, the cooking food made matters even more worrisome. But, the fire department was called and quickly came to the rescue in their "big red truck". The resident got to ride in the fire truck to her friend's house to retrieve her key. They

then returned to her house and found that all was a-ok, nothing had burned during her absence. Kudos to station 3 and their swift response (maybe those dinners the ONA provided did the trick).



Wall Damage

The brick wall along Beltline really took a beating during the recent ice and snow event. Two different drivers lost control on the ice and hit the perimeter wall, causing quite a bit of damage. Unfortunately, both hits were in the same general location and the entire damaged wall belongs to one Oakridge resident. The COP has been in contact with the homeowner and provided him with accident and incident reports so he could file a claim with his insurance company. There were a large number of accidents during those days and our NPO, John Capers, had a lot of time consuming paperwork to go through to find the actual incidents involved in this damage. Thanks to him we were able to get the information to the Oakridge homeowner in a timely manner. Now we all must wait until the insurance companies fight it out and repair the wall.

A reminder: The brick walls surrounding our neighborhood do not belong to the ONA and they do not belong to the city---instead they belong to the individual homeowner adjoining the wall---this includes those homes which have an alley between their yard and the wall. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the wall in good

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The ARTS in Garland

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Apr. 1-2 Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" Granville Arts Center – Small Theatre

The productions runs March 10 and 17 at 7:30pm; March 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, April 1 and 2 at 8:00 p.m.; with matinees on March 13, 20, 27, and April 2 at 2:30 p.m. All tickets are \$20 which includes service fee. There are discounts for KERA members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the preview on Jan. 27 are \$15. Tickets are available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790.

April 2 Just Country Band Concert 7:00 pm Plaza Theatre

Join the Just Country Band at the Plaza Theatre. Wear your Boots and Cowboy hats and Just Country will perform your favorite classic country song. Songs by Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, George Jones, Pasty Cline, Loretta Lynn, Waylon Jennings, Reba McEntire and Dolly Parton, and many more. General Admission tickets are \$12 online at www.ddstudebakers.com. For information call Tammy Wortham at 214-578-1926.

Apr. 2-3 Garland Summer Musical Auditions- Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

The Garland Summer Musicals has announced the 2011 Season lineup. Meredith Wilson's musical theatre classic "The Music Man" opens June 17-26 and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway spectacular "CATS" runs July 22-3. Both productions will be under the helm of former New York Director Buff Shurr who is returning for his 29th Season. Auditions will be held April 2-3 and youth auditions will be on April 4. Audition appointments can be scheduled by calling 972-205-2790 beginning March 1, 2011.

Apr. 4 Garland Summer Musical Auditions (Youth) 6:00 pm Plaza Theatre

Plaza Theatre

521 W. State Street, Garland 972-205-2782

Youth Auditions for ages 9-12 years of age from 6-10pm. Audition appointments can be scheduled by calling 972-205-2790 beginning March 1.

Apr. 5-26 "Oil & Water" Granville Arts Center Gallery

"Oil & Water" features paintings from the studio of Richland College by students working at all levels in watercolor, acrylic and oil paint. Works by: Homer Klonis, Marilyn Keiffer, Barry Hutchings, Janet Butler, Louis Ceballos, Marshall Bateman, Ligia, Stephanie Helvey, Marcela Reyes, Ben Lopez, Joy Brown, Melodee Moore, Laura Matson, Meghan Stevens, Bruce Clemons, Harry Follbaum, Brandon Hawkins and Elissa Jakovijevic. Instructor: Bryce Lafferty. A reception will be held on April 26 from 6-8pm. Viewing hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, and during all performances.

Apr. 8 & 9 "Walk Like A Man" 7:00 pm Plaza Theatre

Things are definitely better in Texas! Thanks to a warm welcome and overwhelming support, Indigo Blue West Entertainment Group and Positive Scribe Productions will once again bring the historical Off-Broadway production, Walk Like A Man - The Play, to Plaza Theatre. Told in twoacts by a culturally-diverse cast, what began as a self-published idea evolved into the first African-American lesbian play to be performed Off-Broadway. Adapted from Walk Like A Man, Brown's 2006 Lambda Literary Award winning book of short stories, this has been heralded as a "must see" by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Seating begins at 6:30. Advance purchase tickets at www.BrownPaperTickets.com for \$25. Limited

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The ARTS in Garland (cont.)

walk-up tickets will be available at the door for \$35. Due to strong language and mature subject matter, attendees must be 18 or older to enter.

Apr. 15 Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert 8:00 pm Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

The GSO will be performing Michel Camilo's *Concerto for Piano, Harp, and Strings*, Debussy's *Rondes de Printemps*, and the Sixth Annual Movie Scores Quiz! The Garland Symphony will feature pianist Simone Sala. Tickets are available at Granville Arts Center Box Office or call 972-205-2790. www.garlandsymphony.org.

Apr. 16 George Dickerson Live with FEVER 7:30 pm Plaza Theatre

Come and join George Dickerson Live in Concert with the Fever Tribute Band as he takes you back into a time period when country music was at its best. For the last four years, George has been touring and singing all across the United States with country singer Ronnie McDowell. He has been invited to guest appear with many country greats. His song list will include great hits such as Easy Loving, Don't Take It Away, Don't Cry Joni, Somebody Hold Me, Go Away Little Girl plus hits that made Elvis the King of Rock and many more. Doors open at 7pm. For tickets please visit

<u>www.dickersonproductions.com</u> or call (254) 498-3564.

Apr. 21-May 14 "The Verdict" Granville Arts Center – Small Theatre

Garland Civic Theatre's Kyle McClaran is directing this story of the Hendryks, refugees in England, who have lost everything. Karl, with his talents, charms and hard work, rebuilds their lives. All is shattered when wealthy, headstrong Helen Rollander bribes her way into private tutoring by Karl. Even with her infatuation with Karl being denied, she will stop at nothing, not even murder, to possess him. April 21 and 28 at 7:30pm; April 22, 23, 29, 30, May 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8pm, and April 24, May 1, 8, and 14 at 2:30pm. Tickets \$20. There are discounts for KERA members and

groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the preview on April 21 are \$15. Tickets are available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790.

Apr. 28-30 at 8pm "No Sex Please We're British" May 1 at 2pm Plaza Theatre

The Company of Rowlett Performers presents "No Sex Please We're British" at the Plaza Theatre. The young bride who lives above a bank with her husband who is the assistant manager, innocently sends a mail order off for some Scandinavian glassware. What comes is Scandinavian pornography. The plot revolves around what is to be done with the veritable floods of pornography, photographs, books, films and eventually girls that threaten to engulf this happy couple. This farce ran in London over eight years and also delighted Broadway audiences. Tickets are \$10 online at www.corptheatre.com. Reservations can be made by calling 972-977-7710. All prepurchased tickets are reserved seating. Door prices are \$15.00 per ticket.

Apr. 29 Garland Chorale "Give My Regards To Broadway" 8:00 pm Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

The Garland Chorale presents "Give My Regards to Broadway." The program will feature highlights from the best of Broadway. Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors and Children under 12 are Free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.thegarlandchorale.com.

May 6 Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert 8:00 pm Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

The Garland Symphony will be performing Hugo Alfven's *Midsommarvaka* (*Midsummer Vigil*), Anton Webern's *In the Summer Wind* (*Im Sommerwind*), Richard Wagner's *Rid of the Valkyries*, and Igor Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* (*Le sacre du printemps*). Single tickets are available at the Granville Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790. www.garlandsymphony.org.

May 29 Dallas Dance Company "Visual Outburst" 5 & 8 pm Plaza Theatre

The show features contemporary dance styles. Tickets are \$10 contact Michelle Davis at 214-356-7204.

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City Council continued

1456 Beltline Road - Suite120; and (3) Red Robin, 5031 N. Garland Avenue. I have eaten at Red Robin and Soprano's, but wasn't familiar with Marlo's House. I found it in the little strip center on the SW corner of Beltline and North Garland Avenue, and it serves Mennonite cuisine. Support your local merchants.

During the early February snow and freezing temperatures with rolling blackouts, I heard residents from nearby cities complaining about the lack of communication. That was just the opposite of the feedback I received via email. Several commented to me that they really appreciated getting the Code Red messages on their phone about the blackouts, and others appreciated the emails regarding garbage pickup, city closings, etc. If you are not signed up for Code Red and city emails, you can do so easily. Just go to the City's web site www.ci.garland.tx.us and on the left column of the home page you will see a GARLAND E-NEWS box and a CODE RED box. Click those to sign up for messages (and you can customize which type of E-NEWS messages you want to receive). Further, I have been signed up for Code Red for a long time, but I just recently learned that it now has "weather warnings" available, BUT even it you are currently a Code Red "customer", you must go and specifically request to receive weather warnings in addition to the Code Red messages you have been receiving. After registering, you will get phone messages on tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, and these messages will only be received if they affect your part of town. They are not City-wide and North Texas-wide weather alerts.

Garland Animal Services recently announced a cat adoption partnership with PetSmart Charities. Selected cats from the Garland Animal Shelter will be available for immediate adoption at the new PetSmart store in Wylie, 3340 FM 544. The cat habitat at the PetSmart store will provide a high profile venue for approximately 8 to 10 cats and the Garland Animal Shelter will ensure cats are consistently available at the store for adoption.

On a personal note, I volunteer and give tours at

the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, and the annual "Dallas Blooms" festival is March 5 to April 10. If you've never seen 450,000 daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips in bloom, pay us a visit.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to call me (214 535-2648) or E-mail me at rickwilli@gmail.com.



Crime Prevention & Safety continued

repair at all times, and in the event of an accident, the homeowner needs a copy of the accident report(s) to give to their individual homeowner policy company who then will work with the offending individuals auto insurance company to get the repair done. The homeowner is obligated to repair the wall so that it is consistent with the existing wall in type and color of brick and morter. The repairs must be done in a limited timeframe or the homeowner will be in violation of certain City of Garland codes and can be fined by the city. In addition, it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove the damaged bricks from any sidewalks, alleys or roadways so as not to impede passage.

A second reminder: If and when you are involved in an auto accident involving damage to private property (such as the brick wall) where there is obvious monetary damage, always call the police and obtain a copy of the accident report. Accident reports are an important item that most insurance companies require to pay a claim. Believe me when I say, it will make it so much easier and help speed things along for all concerned. By state law all accident reports require a \$6 payment.



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Representative Button:

I have been asked to sit on State Representative Angie Chen Button's Public Safety Roundtable 2011, on March 4th. There are usually 10 - 12 people in this group and each one is given time to present Rep. Button with ideas and concerns about public safety. I will be bringing up "sanctuary cities", immigration, and the latest drug craze called "Bath Salts" or "Bath Ice". Our

NPO has also been invited to represent the Garland police department at this meeting. If you have any item of concern that you would like me to bring up please contact me. I usually write out my concerns and provide them to her head staffer before the meeting.

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This past week the Citizens Police Academy Alumni group had a guest speaker (an undercover police officer) to give us an update on drugs, including the latest drug of choice--called Bath Ice or Bath Salt. Quoting the speaker--"this is one nasty drug". He further advised that oftentimes this is being sold through small shops and gas stations and it currently is not illegal. This substance produces a meth-like high which can sometimes produce violent behavior in users. State Senator Shapirpo from Plano is trying to get a bill passed in this session making sale or possession of this substance, in any form, illegal. I'm sure you all know the beautiful purple, red or white blooming plant called "Salvia". What you probably don't know is that it is yet another plant that people are using (the leaves) to "get high". For addition details, simply search on the net to learn all the terrible details. It seems there is a new one every month or two, so if you are a parent or grandparent, you need to keep up on the details of what is out there that can cause you or another loved one a horrible experience. So many of the "innocent" plants we have been growing in our gardens over the years are being

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Main Street Bistro restaurant review by Keith Engler

The Main Street Bistro is just up Jupiter from Oakridge in *The Shire*. Karen and I started going there when we received a coupon in the mail and have found the service and food to be consistently excellent.

They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and have a happy hour everyday from 3-7 pm. The happy hour consists of half price drinks and appetizers.

One of their specialties is Lamp Chops which Karen will order when they have them. They are rather expensive but Main Street frequently has two-for-one dinner coupons good on Sunday and Monday evenings.

I personally enjoy the large Spinach Salad containing prosciutto, raisins and pecans in a balsamic vinaigrette dressing. Their Cinnamon Scones are the best in the area.

The entire Shire area is very comfortable and it is easy to feel like we are on vacation sitting on the patio in the evening enjoying a dirty martini and pork quesadillas during happy hour.

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Ways to Prevent Rats and other Animals from Entering Into Structures

by Kimberly Schofield Program Specialist-Urban IPM

As the weather cools, mice, rats and other animals might move closer to or into structures in search of warmth. It is always easier to prevent invasion into attics or underneath structures, than to remove the animals. This makes EXCLUSION the key to prevent entry of these animals. Exclusion can be accomplished by using steel mesh in the attic to close off possible entry points. The steel mesh can be stapled or nailed around whirly birds, vents and other openings in the attic. Remember that rats and mice can fit through holes as small as 1/4 inch in diameter, so be sure to seal all areas where sunlight can be seen. Weep holes and cracks and crevices can be sealed using steel wool. If the outside brick is light colored, then non-rust copper steel can be used. Trees should also be trimmed away from structures. When tree limbs are touching houses, it becomes a perfect bridge for the animals to enter homes.

Also proper sanitation is important to prevent animals

from coming near structures. All food containers should be cleaned and properly contained in closed bins, in order to avoid animals entering garbage or recycle containers. Bird seed and other food items should be stored in a sealed container. Clothes, blankets and fleece should also be stored in sealed container, in order to avoid rats and other animals from nesting in the materials.

If wild animals are living in or near your home, you must first correctly identify the animal in order to properly control it. Mice and rats can be trapped using sticky or snap traps. These traps should be placed perpendicular to the wall, in areas where you see droppings, gnawing, urine stains, or scratch marks. Call the city or wildlife department if larger animals are believed to be living in homes/structures. Some departments will donate a live cage trap for a period of time and some cities will pick up the trapped animals when they are caged.

Crime Prevention & Safety continued

used to make a drug to harm our kids and grandkids.

Frequently asked question:

- 1. When the end of a shift comes do all the officers return to the station, leaving no one on the street?
- 2. No, the day shift(s) start either at 6am or 7 am and ends at 2pm or 3 pm.
- 3. The evening shift(s) can start at 2 pm or 3 pm and end at 10 pm or 11 pm.
- 4. The deep night shift(s) can start at 10 pm or 11 pm and end at 6 am or 7 am.
- 5. The stepped shifts provide our city with police coverage on the street at all times.
- 6. Officers do not have actual lunch or dinner breaks preset, instead, they take a few minutes off if time and staffing permits. Even then they must get authorization from dispatch and are subject to being called back to duty at anytime if an emergency arises or there is a large volume of calls that need to be handled.

Please check the ONA website regularly for a great deal of information, pictures, and stories regarding our neighborhood and city.



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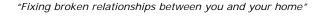
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