



Presidents Message for January 2012

Hope everyone had a Safe and Happy Holiday. Sharon Parish did a great job getting all the decorations together and decorating the bridge. She was also responsible for getting all the decorations to your district directors who decorated our neighborhood.

A big Thank You to Brenda and Bill Olive for getting Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner to both of the fire stations that are responsible for the safety in our neighborhood.

We are trying to put together a program to sell Petunias to our members for their spring color. Bruce Miller Nursery is willing to give us a super deal where we can sell them to our members. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help your ONA, please get in touch with your district rep-

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City Council by Rick Williams

In past articles I have written well-deserved kudos about city employees including City Secretary Mary Kayser. She is currently President of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association and earlier this year received the award for municipal clerk of the year in the State of Texas. Unfortunately, when someone is that talented, the word gets out and she has now been hired as the City Secretary for the City of Fort Worth. The City Secretary job is one of six positions that are hired by and report to the City Council, so we will likely be interviewing replacement candidates in the near future. We will really miss Mary!

The highly anticipated 9.9 mile President George Bush Turnpike (i.e., State Hwy 190) eastern extension is on track to open in December, giving motorists a smooth drive from northwest Garland to Interstate 30. I anticipated some sort of ceremony or ribbon cutting, but it will just be a “soft

opening.” By the time you read this, it likely will be open. Thus, for us in District 7, it will be a short trip to shop at Bass Pro or eat at the restaurants overlooking Lake Ray Hubbard. Although the corridor will be open to traffic, motorists will continue to see minor construction activity through the first part of 2012 as final touches are made to the corridor’s infrastructure.

Garland has several roundabouts and has plans for additional ones. On occasions I hear grumblings about them, but they have proved to be very effective in reducing accidents and making traffic flow smoothly. As a Garland official once told me, roundabouts make drivers do two things they don’t like to do—slow down and think.

On December 13, Council was given an end-of-year briefing from Richard Briley, Managing Director over Code, Animal Services, & Health.

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Daytimers by Dianne Winters

DAYTIMERS CHRISTMAS



If you want to be welcomed at the door, have joy in friendship and snack and laugh together – then come join Daytimers. Almost thirty ladies came to celebrate the season at the home of Ann Conrath, who had gra-

ciously opened her festively decorated home and made room for everyone. Attendees were greeted by Beth Fagan and then directed to the table of goodies provided by these food hostesses: Betty Cosgray, Margaret Fowler, Mary Pattie, Suzanne Snow and Dianne Winter.

After everyone visited and conversed about holiday plans, Peggy Crenshaw, president, made a few announcements and Margaret Fowler encouraged everyone to attend the Christmas Caroling event on December 18th.

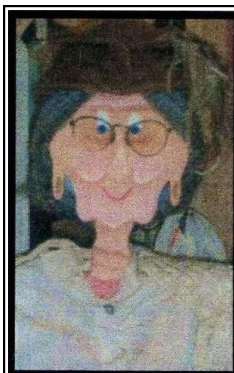
Chris Beyers circulated a sign-up sheet for more hostess volunteers.

Then the fun began with the exchange of gifts. There were oohs and aahs along with surprises and laughter. Ask Peggy Crenshaw and Lillian Dalton about their gifts. The greatly desired prize was a painting by our resident artist, Becky Parks. Since you could “steal” in this activity, some members tested their friendship but all departed on happy terms.

If you enjoy learning about your neighbors and community come to Daytimers meetings on the second Tuesday of the month except in the summer.

The next meeting will be very interesting. The speaker will be Sally Rodriguez of the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department will speak on the history of White Rock Lake. We will meet at the home of Ruby Nell Ormon on January 10th 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, Peggy Crenshaw – 972 530 1645.



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Once again Matthew's Raiders will take the victory lap in the Dallas-Fort Worth 2012 MDA Muscle Walk! This year they honor all of those who suffer from neuromuscular diseases. Currently, long-time Oakridge residents, David and Sharon Parrish, are recruiting Team members to walk with them and to make donations to support their participation. The 2012 MDA Muscle Walk on Saturday February 12, 2012 from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Dallas Cowboy's Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Over the last six years Matthew's Raiders has made the MDA Honor Roll by raising over \$3,000 each year.

Please join Matthew's Raiders and help the fight to defeat some 43 neuromuscular diseases that affect people of all ages right here in our community. These funds help MDA provide services such as summer camps, and purchase of wheelchair repair, braces, and scientific research seeking treatments and cures.

For more information call the Parrishes at 972/530-3351 or email them at okcanoe@tx.rr.com. Or visit the Matthew's Raiders Website: <http://tinyurl.com/7n7w3l3> # Make a Muscle. Make a Difference.



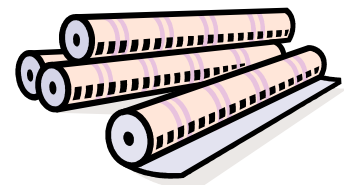
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City Council by Rick Williams (continued)

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Here are a few tidbits from that briefing. Health tested 2,371 mosquitos and found none positive for West Nile Virus nor were there any human WNV cases. Streams around Garland are also tested, and 96% were found to be pollution free. Animal Services had another busy year including receiving 8,543 calls about stray animals, of which, 7,255 were apprehended. The animal shelter took in 2,666 animals from owners who simply relinquished them for various reasons such as cost to keep, moving, etc. Very sad.

Code Compliance inspects proactively each Garland neighborhood 3 times each year in addition, of course, to responding to individual complaints. Response time for a complaint is now about 5 hours. The City uses a private contractor to abate violations like high grass, fence in need of repair, refuse in driveway, etc. That contractor did 2,378 abatement actions last year, and each resident is charged for these services. Under the city's ISIGN program, illegal signs in the public right-of-way can be turned in for 50 cents each. Last year, 11,920 such signs were turned in (I suspect 10% of these were ones I picked up), and just imagine how trashy the city would look if these signs had not been picked up!

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President's Message (continued)

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representative. Let's hope that this will be a program that all of our neighbors will enjoy and participate in.

Joe Fagan has really had a busy year handling all the water issues and keeping all of our entrances with color. If you see Joe please take a moment and thank him for a job well done.

We are still waiting for the sale of the golf course. We are still waiting on the state to get our permit. The last information that I am aware of we still have two buyers, and as soon as the permit is approved one will step in and buy the club.

Wishing all of our neighbors a prosperous 2012!

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Around Oakridge by Brenda Olive

We simply must say a great big "THANK YOU" to all the wonderful Oakridge residents who donated items for the Thanksgiving Dinners for Fire Station 3 and Fire Station 11, and the many who also made donations for the Christmas Dinners.

For Thanksgiving we cooked 25 lb. turkeys for both stations, along with the traditional stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean cassaroles, candied sweet potatoes, fruit salad, mexican corn souffles, homemade cranberry sauce, made by a kind resident, rolls& butter--from another kind resident, sweet potato pies , still another kind resident, pumpkin pies , made by another kind resident, brownies of three types--again made by 3 different kind residents, Bundt cake, yes, another kind resident, cookies, more kind residents, chocolate pecan pies, another kind resident, popcorn, crackers and cheese plates, chips and dips, nuts of several kinds, popcorn, all from even more wonderful Oakridge residents, and, oh, even some homemade candy. The Fire Stations were ready when we arrived with the goodies, they couldn't believe all the things that just kept coming from the back of our car! But they didn't hesitate to sneak a

taste of some of the goodies. We did receive a very nice Thank You note from the stations- thanking Oakridge for providing a delicious dinner and thinking of them on Thanksgiving Day.

As most of you know, the Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, fruit salad, corn souffles are paid for by the ONA. This is an annual thing we do to show the Fire Stations that serve Oakridge just how much we appreciate them. This year, members of the Daytimers along with other Oakridge Residents supplied the "extras" for dessert, rolls, cranberry sauce, nuts, popcorn,cakes and pies--It was a massive out-pouring from our wonderful neighborhood.

**THREE CHEERS FOR OAKRIDGE--
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Now, as a short caution, November and December were relatively light in incidents here in Oakridge, some of that can be attributed to the many roofing crews working all around Oakridge--too many eyes watching.. However, please remember what happened in previous years after Christmas and New

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Crime and Safety Report

By Bill Olive

Reported incidents for December from Dec 1 - Dec 17

On Dec 4, a burglary-habitation at 2008 Overview

On Dec 5, a burglary (aggravated home invasion) at 2601 Richland--we will be getting a full report on this incident if possible!!

On Dec 5, a burglary habitation at 3218 Bending Oaks

On Dec 16, a theft at 2809 Big Oaks

On December 12 the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association had its Christmas dinner and our guest, Chief Bates, updated us on the ongoing news of the Garland Police Department. Here are a few points the chief shared with us.

1) Highway 190 is now open all the way to I-30. This will make travel to and from Garland much easier and hopefully encourage more businesses to move to Garland. Unfortunately, unscrupulous people will find it faster to exit Garland. On this note, Chief Bates told us that Garland has a great relationship with all our adjoining cities and police departments to assist in capturing fleeing felons.

2) Next year Garland police will be switching to the Chevy Caprice police vehicle. The good old reliable Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle will no longer be made. The new Chevy will have plenty of horsepower. Also, look for the new 2012's to sport a new color scheme----black and white rather than Garland's present blue and white. There is a nationwide movement among law enforcement to go back to the traditional black and white for vehicles. It will take a few years until these changes are fully realized by attrition of older vehicles, so don't get confused if you see a new black and white alongside an older blue and white-both can still write tick-

ets. Oh, most patrol vehicles have numbers on them denoting the year of the car and district patrolled. The first two numbers are for the year of car and the second two are for the district. Thus, squad 1114 would be a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria patrolling district 14 (Oakridge is part of this district). There are exceptions to the above for police vehicles assigned to the NPO unit, traffic unit, warrent unit, and a couple others.

3) This year our police department won a grant to purchase a "sky tower". You may have seen this crime fighting tool in a mall parking lot or other high traffic area. The tower has proven to be very effective in combating crime. You might think of it as Garland's "eye in the sky".

4) It was hoped that the police department would be getting new technology that allowed a police vehicles to actually read license plate numbers without the officer having to either type in the plate number or call dispatch. This technology has created some legal issues and Chief Bates has decided to wait before further pursuing this idea.

5) Garland will continue to use the 12 "red light" cameras. Although revenue collected has gone down since the start of their use, traffic accidents have also declined--which was the intended purpose of the cameras anyway.

Our quarterly Crime Watch/Citizens Patrol meeting was held on Nov. 19th with guest speaker Det. Godwin of the "sex crimes" unit. We were given some disturbing statistics about "predator" crime and child abuse. In Garland there are approximately 400 registered sex offenders. You can see these "perps" by visiting the Garland police web site and accessing the offender list. In Oakridge we only have 1 offender who is not considered much of a risk. Under state law police depts. must check on these offenders at least once a year (Garland checks 4 times by actually

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Crime and Safety Report (continued)

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visiting the offender's residence and interviewing them). All registered offenders must renew their drivers licenses yearly so that any facial or hair change can be updated. There are many more hoops an offender must jump through to stay out of jail (which is a good thing).

Detective Godwin strongly urged that parents monitor their child's internet usage and install programs that can alert them. One site he recommended is Eblaster.com.

We also saw some photos of actual offenders and heard about their crimes. In an effort to drive home the point that these offenders can come from all corners of society Det. Godwin showed us a picture of a man serving time now in Texas for child abuse. His occupation at the time he was arrested and sent to prison was that of flight steward on "Air Force Two". At the same time, we've all heard of the many arrests recently of offenders whose crimes were committed many years ago. It seems that those who "got away

with it" for years are now being apprehended!

Next month there will be a statistical analysis of the crime rate by month comparing month by month and year by year. It appears at first glance that our crime rate has decreased in Oakridge.

We are wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

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Around Oakridge (continued)

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Year. People put out boxes on the curb for big screen TV's, computers, all kinds of electronics, etc and we began to see thefts rise, even though the weather was very cold and nasty. This year, lets throw these guys a curve ball..if you have large boxes, cartons, etc. to go in the trash, break it down and put it into a garbage bag or at the very least, break down the box and turn it inside out and tie it with a string so that it doesn't blow open --this way you're not advertising your great good fortune to someone who thinks the world owes him everything and he doesn't have to work for it. After all, it was your hard work that earned the money to buy the item, don't let someone steal from you.

We expect that there will be roofers still working here in Oakridge during January, so there will still be eyes watching--but, a majority of the replacement roofs have been completed already, so the number of crews will be less than they have been during December. If you have not already had your roof checked by a reputable roofing company, we suggest you do so as soon as possible since insurance companies only allow a limited number of days between the incident (Oct. 24th) and the time frame when they will no longer accept a claim. If the roofer says he found some damage and he will contact your insurance company for you - NO -you should call your insurance company yourself to ask for an adjuster to come out and check the roof. This is free, in addition to your roof, he/she will check the gutters, skylights, attic fans, junction boxes, etc. any of which could have been damaged by the hail storm on Oct. 24th. He/she will then sit down with you and explain what damage, if any that he/she found, and discuss with you your deductible, your depreciation and the bottom line, the cost of a new roof or anything else that needs to be replaced or repaired. Never sign a contract with a roofing company until your insurance adjuster has made his/her inspection and given you their full estimate of repair. Some insurance companies will actually write you a check that date for a portion of the repair, then they will follow up with you to determine when the work has been finished to your satisfaction..Note, **I said, finished to your satisfaction.** In a few instances, the insurance company may send an adjuster out again to check the roof and make sure the quality is what was quoted to you, frankly, most insurance companies don't bother...as our insurance company told me, making sure that you're getting what you're paying for is your responsi-

bility.. Remember, if the new roof develops leaks or other problems it is your responsibility to deal with that roofing company to get any necessary remediation done---this is a good reason to make sure you have a local, reputable company..

As previously noted, if you have never had experience with a roofing company, check them out before committing to them. Get references, ask neighbors, check with the BBB. Drive around the neighborhood or walk around and check out how the jobs that are being done look, check for debris left in the yard, watch to see how they treat shrubbery and plants, watch to see if they pick up all nails that may have fallen from the roof. You don't want nails being picked up by your lawnmower next spring, and you certainly don't want nails in your driveway, on your sidewalk or patio or swimming pool. There are some roofing companies offering 20 year shingles, 30, 40 and 50 year. This does not mean these shingles will last for that many years--the sun, wind, rain, snow, sleet and hail here in Texas simply degrades the shingles over a period of time, so those little granules on the shingles just gradually wash off. All the squirrels and birds running around on the roofs don't help either. We didn't think we had any damage to our roof, but we noticed that our attic fan was making a humming noise for a day or so, then, there was no more humming. When the insurance adjuster came out, he discovered the attic fan had been damaged by the hail, causing the top to crush into the blades, and that burned out the motor. We probably wouldn't have known that until next spring when it didn't come on and we had the fan company come out to check it out.

We also were surprised to learn that the wooden fascia (the portion of the wood that is hidden by the gutters) was rotted out and needed to be replaced before new gutters could be installed. We hired a carpenter to install new wood of a much better quality than had been there before, he also replaced some of the soffit (portion of wood that is under the overhang) now everything is nice and new, the gutters were installed a couple of days later and now, you'd never know that there was damage at all. As I drive around Oakridge I can't help but notice many people are getting new roofs, but what is truly amazing is how much just getting a new roof can upgrade the appearance of a home, and I've noticed that many residents have also done extra work in their yards to make everything look more well groomed. While none of us want to experience a hail storm, certainly not one like the Oct 24th one, we must agree that sometimes just this type of thing can "perk up" the whole neighborhood.

Handyman Tips

YOUR ENERGY SAVINGS LIST

Controlling energy costs is always a concern for homeowners. A strong demand for energy can result in higher prices.

While it's no secret that you might be spending more to heat your home throughout the winter, if you take measures to conserve energy, you can significantly minimize the impact. Here are some energy savings tips:

Install a programmable thermostat. Well-insulated homes can save up to 30 percent on heating costs with one. You can program these thermostats to automatically lower temperatures when at work or while sleeping, thereby saving energy hours at a time. Programmable thermostats will quickly pay for themselves.

Add weather stripping around windows and doors. Use of door thresholds, window caulking and plastic window film can go far in saving your money this winter. If you live in a drafty home, you could save up to 20 percent with an investment of as little as \$25.

Install ceiling fans in your home. Running the fans slowly and in reverse will keep warm air circulating throughout the house, thereby reducing running time for the furnace. Ceiling fans add a nice decorative touch as well.

Check furniture arrangement in your rooms. Are you unknowingly blocking vents and radiators with a big sofa or armchair? If so, you're restricting the airflow in your home, resulting in higher output from your furnace. Rearranging the furniture can save your units from having to work overtime.

Install a tankless water heater. These days, units are less expensive, and by creating hot water on demand as opposed to continuously heating stored water, homeowners

can save hundreds of dollars over time.

Be smart about setting the temperature. Homeowners can save up to 3 percent on energy bills simply by turning down the thermostat just one degree. You won't even notice the change in temperature, but your heating bill will.

Properly insulate your ceilings and attic. Heat rises, and if there isn't enough insulation in the space above, your money literally is going out the roof. Most ceilings and attic spaces should have at least an R-30 rating, although some areas of the country recommend an R-40-50 rating.

Let the sun be your guide. It's free energy! During the day, open up drapes and blinds and let the sun heat your home. At night, draw the curtains to keep the heat inside.

If you read through this and decide you still need some help, don't despair - ask the helpful folks at your neighborhood Ace store!

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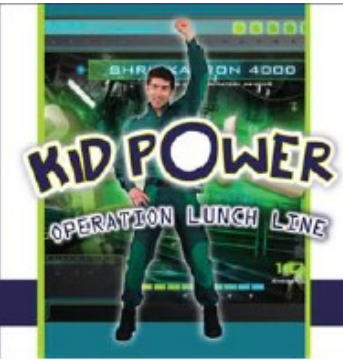


Through Feb 11 “Death By Chocolate” by Garland Civic Theatre

Granville Arts Center – Small Theatre

Garland Civic Theatre will present “Death by Chocolate” by Paul Freed. The production will run Friday through Sunday, January 20 – February 11, 2012 with Thursday performances on January 19 and 26 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 North 5th Street in downtown Garland. Call the Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 for tickets. All tickets are \$22 which includes service fee. There are discounts available for KERA members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the preview on January 19 are \$17. Note that Thursday performances are at 7:30 PM, Friday and Saturday evenings are at 8:00 pm, and matinees are at 2:30 PM. Members of the newly renovated Meadowbrook Health Resort dropping like flies from poisoned chocolate delights – not the best advertisement for the eve of its grand re-opening! It’s all up to manager John Stone and amateur sleuth, mystery writer Ed Parlor to save the day in a wacky race against time! The sinister, sweet chocolates are at the center of the murders surrounded by outlandish suspects working for the resort. A truly new, fun, and different comedy that will delight audiences all the way to it’s oh - so “sweet” finish line! Visit the GCT website at www.GarlandCivicTheatre.org or call 972-485-8884 for additional information.

the inner workings of the human body along with the health practices required to care for it. The National *Bodyology* Tour is an exciting new Musical Show starring PBS’s Slim Goodbody. *Lighten Up!* addresses the problem of childhood obesity. Through the use of songs, skits, audience participation, humor and unique 3D visuals, students learn how to make good health choices in a fun and engaging fashion. Tickets are \$6.50. Visit www.slimgoodbody.com for more information.



February 7 “Kid Power’s Operation Lunch Line in 3D”

10 am Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

Kid Power presents an interactive one-hour musical event designed to help students in grades K-5 learn the value of good nutrition and exercise. Using large screen interactive visuals and 3-D animation, the audience miniaturizes, joining Kid Power on an amazing journey inside the human body of a boy named Max, who feels lousy because he doesn’t eat or move properly. Kids learn they are filled with all the “kid power” needed to develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviors necessary to make better choices and feel great. Tickets are \$6.95 each with 1 free teacher ticket per class. To purchase tickets



February 1 Slim Goodbody in *Bodyology* and *Lighten Up!*

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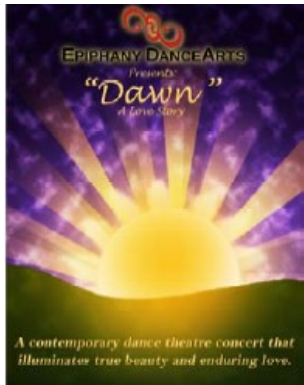
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February 10 & 11 Epiphany DanceArts “Dawn-A Love Story”

7:30 pm Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

By popular demand, Dallas-based dance company Epiphany DanceArts will be performing “Dawn – A Love Story,” at the Granville Arts Center Brownlee Auditorium for Valentine’s Day weekend on February 10th and 11th at 7:30 pm. “Dawn – A Love Story,” is a dance concert telling a story full of struggle and longing, giddiness and hope, beauty and truth. Perfect for the special romantic weekend, Epiphany DanceArts captures a glimpse of something truly sacred. This show is funny, inspiring, and riveting; great for the whole family, or as a special date. Artistic Director Melissa DeGroat and her team have created dance works that weave together a story about love. Actresses and singers dramatically act out the stories danced on the stage. Tickets range from \$10 to \$50. To purchase tickets visit www.EpiphanyDanceArts.org or call 972-379-9332.

Symphonic Dances from Bernstein’s West Side Story! The Garland Symphony Orchestra credits its Music Director, Robert Carter Austin, for its continued outstanding and diverse orchestral programming. Maestro Austin’s background encompasses over 30 years of professional music experience with degrees from MIT, Cambridge University and Stanford University. Tickets are priced at \$16, \$26, \$36 and are available at the Granville Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790.



February 19 Arts-N-Lyrics Festival of Plays

4:00 pm Plaza Theatre

Arts-N-Lyrics presents a festival of Plays including three different productions. *The Double Double Cross* is about Lorain, an extremely rich southerner and her three very different grandchildren. Lorain will leave her fortune only to those she deems responsible, no exceptions. However, the problem arises when one of the grandchildren disagrees with the grandmother’s final decision and vows to overturn that decision, no matter what. *Conditions of the Heart* is about a young couple from two different social classes. Jennifer, who truly believes she is in love and Lamonte, who is struggling with the idea of being in a relationship with Jennifer because of her different values. Will this couple learn to appreciate their differences or will it cause their relationship to end? *Your Choice, My Decision* is about Detective Monica Shaw in search of the truth about her mother’s death. In spite of long hours on the job, and trying to keep her closet alcoholic father in check, Monica remained determined to get answers. However, she didn’t have to go very far because the truth came knocking on her door. Tickets may be purchased at www.artsnlyrics.com or at the door. Online: \$17.50 Door: \$20.



February 17 Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert V

8:00 pm Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

On February 17, the Symphony continues its season with “O Romeo, Romeo...”, a concert highlighted by selections from *Romeo and Juliet!* Join us as the orchestra performs Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev’s beautiful musical portrayal of Shakespeare’s star-crossed lovers! The orchestra will also perform

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