



Presidents Message for February

We are forming our nominating committee for our new slate of 2012-2013 board of directors for our association. Should anyone be interested please contact your district representative. There will be a general membership meeting on February the 28th, the meeting will be at the Achievement Center of Texas 2950 North Shiloh Rd. Garland, TX..

We are still considering the Petunia program. So far we have not had anyone step up to volunteer to manage this effort. If anyone is interested please contact your district REPRESENTATIVE.

We have had a lot of damage on the exterior walls surrounding Oakridge this fall and winter. Just recently we have had two collisions on Shiloh Rd that have done damage to our brick wall.

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General Membership

Meeting

February 28th, 2012

Achievement Center

Of Texas

2950 North Shiloh Rd.

6:30 p.m.

City Council by Rick Williams

The North Texas Municipal Water District Board will meet on January 26, and it seemed until recently that they would vote during that meeting to move into Stage 4 water restrictions (e.g., you can't water your car, grass, landscape, etc.). Due to several factors including a more optimistic Spring weather forecast, serious concerns from the horticulture and pool building businesses, etc., it appears as of this writing (Jan. 19) that will stay in Stage 3 for several more months and during April/May, the NTMWD Board will re-evaluate the situation. Needless to say, use water sparingly!

The next class of the Garland Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is scheduled to begin March 7, 2012 and will conclude with graduation ceremonies on May 31, 2012. GPD is currently accepting applications for CPA Class #39. The class meets each Thursday night for 12 weeks from

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. To date, more than 1,000 citizens have graduated from the program. If you think you might be interested, let me know and I'll send you more detailed information.

During January, the Council will be making decisions about the Capital Improvement Program (e.g., big dollar expenditures for things like streets, etc.). As I have explained in my previous articles, I'm opposed to spending a dime on outdoor warning sirens, but so far, I haven't found 4 colleagues who agree with me (it takes 5 votes since we have a 9 member council). I'm still working on it as I believe we can spend the proposed \$500,000 for sirens more efficiently to support other public safety efforts.

If any neighborhood association ever needs a room for a meeting, one of the best deals is Garland City Hall. You can rent a room (including

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Daytimers by Dianne Winters



Even though it was a dreary, cold, rainy January day, the Daytimers were greeted warmly at the

home of Ruby Nell Ormon. Valerie Harper, Sandra Stevens, Bette Taylor and Sally Weiss, hostesses, provided the tasty food that everyone enjoyed.

Peggy Crenshaw, president, introduced the speaker, Sally Rodriguez, from the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department for a presentation of the history of White Rock Lake.

With slides and anecdotes, Sally told all the facts and legends and interesting tidbits of this unique, 1,015 acre city lake with almost 10 miles of lake front trails. The time passed quickly as the Daytimers listened to this interesting topic. Many thanks to Sally for all of her research.

As Peggy began the business part of the meeting she introduced Gail Durbin, a former Oakridge resident, who has returned to the area and will join the group, and Ethelynn Lummus, a first time visitor.

Announcements by group leaders were: The bridge group could use more members Book Club is meeting on January 20th at the home of JoAnn Williams. Mah Jongg has a new member.

Hostesses needed for the Ladies' Happy Hour

Concerns were listed for Jane Buchanan, Clara Mae Muerer and Melvia Coppedge. Audrey King announced all the birthdays for January and February.

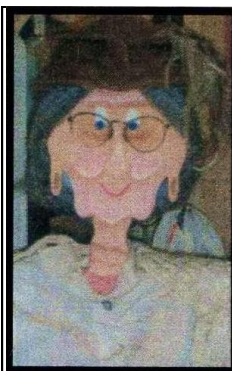
For the segment, Getting to know a Daytimer, Audrey King entertained with an anecdote about her husband at the time of childbirth and Dianne Winter presented a sketch of her life.



You won't want to miss the next meeting because Daytimers will be celebrating Valentine's Day at the home of

Suzanne Snow on February 14th, at 10 am. Come and bring a neighbor.

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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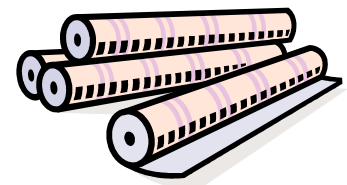
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**City Council by Rick Williams
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The Camelot Neighborhood in District 7 just got sign “toppers” installed. Toppers are those signs you see on top of street signs in some neighborhoods which identify the neighborhood. I encourage all neighborhoods to consider having them installed. With the help of a neighborhood vitality grant, the cost is very reasonable and they give a neighborhood a sense of identity and pride.

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

President’s Message (continued)

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Again if you see Joe Fagan in your neighborhood make sure you tell him how much he is appreciated and give him a pat on the back for what he has had to handle.

We are still in stage 3 Water Restrictions! Please make sure that you are aware of your watering patterns. The penalty for not watering when you are supposed to will cost you a lot of money.

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.

Do You Know?

Write your answer in the space at the end of the question....you’ll find the correct answers elsewhere in the newsletter!

1. Clint Eastwood was elected as mayor of which California town?
 - **A.** Carmel **B.** Palm Springs **C.** Pasadena
 - **D.** Santa Barbara _____
2. Which National Park is home to the “Old Faithful” geyser?
 - **A.** Yosemite **B.** Yellowstone **C.** Glacier
 - **D.** Rocky _____
3. Who invented the cotton gin?
 - **A.** Henry Gin **B.** Eli Whitney **C.** Paul Cotton
 - **D.** Cotton Gin _____
4. Which dam is in the state of Nevada?
 - **A.** Hoover Dam **B.** Washington Dam **C.** Jefferson Dam
 - **D.** Smith Dam _____

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- **A. Opera B. Omelet C. Hat D. Dance** ____

6. By what name was Norma Jean Baker better known?

- **A. Jayne Mansfield B. Jean Harlow**
- **C. Marilyn Monroe D. Audrey Hepburn** ____

7. In the 1960's sitcom, "I Dream of Jeannie", what was Tony Nelson's job?

- **A. Airline pilot B. Firefighter C. Astronaut**
- **D. Doctor** ____

8. Henry Ford said people could have the model T in any color, as long as it was what?

- **A. Black B. Blue C. White D. Pink** ____

9. What is turmeric?

- **A. Period of time B. A spice C. A measurement**
- **D. A religious order** ____

10. Who is the first woman Supreme Court Justice in the U.S.?

- **A. Judge Judy Collins B. Ruth Bader Ginsberg**
- **C. Sandra Day O'Connor D. Judge Whitman** ____

11. One kilogram is equivalent to how many pounds?

- **A. 1 pound B. 2.2 Pounds C. 0.75 pounds**
- **D. 4.20 pounds** ____

12. Which of these is a "quadruped"?

- **A. Rectangle B. Person Aged 40 C. Cow**
- **D. Car** ____

13. Who founded Electronic Data Systems (EDS)?

- **A. Lee Iacocca B. Ross Perot C. Bill Gates**
- **D. Bill Clinton** ____

14. What is the southernmost point of Florida?

- **A. Key West B. Cocoa Beach C. Miami**
- **D. St. Petersburg** ____

15. Which of these landmarks is in India?

- **A. Sugar Loaf Mountain B. Ayers Rock**
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Crime and Safety Report

By Bill Olive

Last month we promised to provide an incident comparison for Oakridge covering 2010 and 2011. The good news is we had a reduction (3) in incidents between those two years, it's small, but a reduction is a reduction and gives us a goal to shoot for in 2012.

These numbers were taken from weekly and monthly incident reports issued by the Garland Police Department. We're also going to provide the numbers for District 14, where Oakridge is located. The boundaries for District 14 are: (west) Jupiter Road, (east) N. Garland Road, (north) Apollo Road, (south) Buckingham Road. Within this area there are a large number of residential areas, including several apartment complexes, plus several small business locations. Please keep this in mind when you read over these stats and keep in mind the vast area covered by District 14, as well as the fact that our district bumps up against Richardson's city line. Oftentimes, criminal activity flows over from Richardson into Garland, but it also flows back from Garland into Richardson. Oakridge is not one of the most affluent neighborhoods within Garland but is one of the more stable neighborhoods, with residents who are more mature, more likely to know their neighbors, more likely to be observant, and residents who won't ignore things that don't appear to be normal. Our low crime rate is directly attributable to the "good neighbors" who live here in Oakridge!

We're providing District 14's stats so that you can see just how many incidents happen in the district versus what happens in Oakridge. When we say "Incidents" we mean the following items. First: **Burglary-Building**, this is breaking or entering into a building illegally with the intent to commit a felony or crime. This building is not a residential home (a shed for example). Second: **Burglary-Habitation**, which is the same as burglary of a building, but instead covers an actual residence, as well as the garage of the residence. Third: **Theft**, the unlawful taking of another's property or money. Fourth: **Burglary-Vehicle**, again, it's the same as burglary of a

building, but it is a motor vehicle (car, truck, boat, camper, etc.) Fifth: **Criminal Mischief**, any damage, defacing, alteration or destruction of tangible property with criminal intent (think graffiti, mail-boxes, car windows, etc.) Sixth: **Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle**, use of motor vehicle without the consent of the owner (stolen vehicle). Included in these statistics are several incidents

Month	2010 District 14	2010 Oak-ridge	2011 District 14	2011 Oak-ridge
January	46	4	55	5
February	34	7	36	7
March	48	6	47	4
April	51	5	52	2
May	34	3	65	7
June	50	6	76	10
July	57	5	62	6
August	56	4	26	4
September	48	7	48	5
October	69	3	65	4
November	45	8	52	3
December	65	10	66	8
Totals	603	68	650	65

that occurred at the Country Club, both before it closed as well as after it closed. We're confident that getting the Country Club sold, getting an owner who is security conscious, and getting golfers back out on the course will greatly help reduce these incidents in the future. In the meantime, it is important that each of us is diligent in observing individuals who are "fishing" "parking" or "walking through the club area" or doing other activities on club property. There have been several incidents of vandalism to club property during the day and these contribute to the negative statistics too. Hopefully, we will have some good news regarding the club VERY SOON. It can't happen soon enough for most of

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Crime and Safety Report (continued)

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us I'm sure!

The driver of a pickup truck managed to plow through the planting bed near the corner of Big Oaks and Shiloh on Christmas morning, destroying a large part of the bed, ripping down one section of the brick wall and damaging another one so that it will need to be repaired or replaced. Fortunately no one was injured or killed in the accident, but the driver apparently didn't have insurance to cover the damage. This means the homeowner at that corner is once again dealing with damage to the wall that is no fault of his own, and the ONA is once again dealing with destroyed landscaping. For those of you who do not know, the brick walls surrounding Oakridge are the property of the homeowner adjoining the various sections of the wall--it's not the city nor the ONA's property. Even those areas that are separated from the yard, by an alley, belong to the homeowner. It is unfortunate that the homeowner's are generally forced to contact their own homeowner's insurance company to ensure that the driver of the offending vehicle is held responsible. When the driver is uninsured, the homeowner is left "holding the bag". This also happens to the ONA. If there is no insurance company involved, then the ONA must foot the bill. Landscaping constitutes a large portion of the budget of the ONA--this is just one of the reasons that being an ONA member is so important.

On Friday afternoon, (the 20th of Jan.) many residents called us to ask about the helicopter which was circling overhead; unfortunately, we must tell you that it was a news helicopter, which was monitoring a fatal fire at the apartment buildings located at the corner of Beltline and Galaxy (directly behind a portion of Big Oaks and Stoneridge). The fire was extinguished before it could engulf the entire building, but someone lost their life in the apartment where the fire started.

Later in the evening of the same day, a vehicle wreck on Shiloh, near Richland, knocked down a power pole and did damage to the landscaping belonging to Oakridge along that roadway. We

have no further details yet on that accident.

A bit of good news, recently numerous individuals were knocking on doors here in Oakridge, the police came out and observed two of these individuals, who did not have a permit to solicit in Garland. Citations were issued to each of those individuals, and they were advised to leave Oakridge and cease soliciting in Garland without a permit. Individuals are issued permits, with their name, a photo and the City of Garland logo after they have applied for the permit and a background check has been processed.

Permits are not issued to businesses, only to individuals--and permits are limited in scope--they can do door to door (knocking), leave business cards or flyers. Individuals who are permitted to leave business cards and/or flyers are not authorized to knock on your door. This helps the city keep track of people who are visiting Garland neighborhoods.

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The 2012 program will discuss thunderstorm formation, severe weather production, and features associated with severe storms. The presentation will also review tornado formation and behavior, non-threatening clues which may be mistaken for significant features, and safety when thunderstorms threaten. The program will discuss spotter operations, recommended reporting procedures and will be in multimedia format, featuring numerous pictures and video clips of storms.

"We could not do our job as well as we do with-

out storm spotters," said Mark Fox, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Fort Worth NWS Office. "Radar is a great tool, but it only tells us part of a storm's story. Spotter observations complement the data we use to analyze storms. The combination of spotter reports and radar data gives us the best possible picture of the storms and what's going on inside them."

Even if you don't become an active storm spotter, you will learn about how storms work and the visual clues you can identify when storms are in your area. The training will include severe weather safety tips to help families and businesses better prepare for threatening weather conditions.

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Reports incidents for January from January 1st through January 29th.

2709 Greenview Dr. on 1/5/12 - Burglary Habitation time reported 7:07 a.m.

2721 Oak Point Dr. on 1/11/12 - Criminal Mischief time reported 12:01 a.m.

2910 Willow Ridge on 1/17/12 - Stolen Vehicle (UUMV) time 10:30 p.m.

2818 Moss on 1/19/12 - Theft > \$1500 time reported 11:00 p.m.

2730 Winding Oak - Burglary Habitation on 1/28/12 at about 3 a.m. This incident occurred when the resident was home and sleeping. The resident thinks their dog barked and scared the intruder away after he grabbed a couple of unimportant bags.

We advise residents close to Buckingham to be extra observant and report anything suspicious to the police.

Roofing Signs: This week I realized that the roofing company that put on our new roof had not picked up the sign they placed in the yard. I took it down and placed it in the garage. They may have been out long enough!!!

Wall and Damage to Environment

During the past two weeks the wall at 2502 Big Oaks and utility pole on Shiloh near Richland sustained serious damage amounting to over \$2,000. The homeowner and ONA have been working to get the driver's to pay. We found out today that the "uninsured, unlicensed driver who hit the wall has paid for the damage he caused. The driver who knocked down the utility pole is insured and we feel sure the damage to the landscape will be taken care of.

A Short Editorial Note:

Joe Fagen has worked tirelessly to keep our neighborhood's grounds as nice as possible. From replacing sprinkler heads, digging up trees and plants, getting estimates, contracting

with landscaping companies, etc. Joe has always been available to serve Oakridge. **KU-DOS JOE!!!!**

Our NPO, along with two other officers have recently put an end to several Vehicle-Burglaries in the Camalot area just to our morth. We hope this will decrease burglaries in our district. Please do not leave valuables overnight in your vehicles!!!

Two of our Citizen Patrol members are scheduled to attend the 12 week "Spring" Garland Citizen Police Academy. I'm sure they will have fond memories of this 50+ hour course. Good luck to Ken & Donna Byrd.

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February 27 The Column Awards 7 pm Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

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March 1-24 "Love From A Stranger" by Garland Civic Theatre

Granville Arts Center – Small Theatre

Garland Civic Theatre will present "Love from a Stranger" March 1-March 24. Call the Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 for tickets. All tickets are \$22. 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. One of Agatha Christie's rarest and most unknown jewels,

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March 10 Lakeshore Symphonic Winds

7:30 pm Plaza Theatre

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March 11 "Preach Woman Preach" & "The Pastor's Wife" 7:30 pm Plaza Theatre

In celebration of Women's Month: A Tribute to Women in Ministry, Jabez Entertainment presents Bridgette Monroe's two-in-one gospel music stage plays "Preach Woman Preach" and "The Pastor's Wife." Purchase your tickets online by visiting www.JabezEntertainment.ws. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door of the Plaza Theatre on the night of the performance. For more information call 214-259-6052 or 214-607-2363.



March 16 Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert VI 8 pm Granville Arts Center

Brownlee Auditorium

The Garland Symphony Orchestra continues its 2011-2012 Season, "THE BARD AND THE BAND with *"Tis neither here nor there..."!* Join the GSO as we explore the orchestral literature written for, about, and in response to the plays of William Shakespeare! The GSO will perform traditional symphonic literature from Dvorak's *Othello Overture* and Smetana's *Richard III!* The orchestra will also perform Dvorak's Romance for Violin and Orchestra featuring GSO Concertmaster and violin soloist Curt Thompson. Curt Thompson is Associate Professor of Violin and Director of Chamber music studies at TCU in Fort Worth. He is also the Founder and Director of the highly acclaimed Mimir Chamber Music Festival. The Garland Symphony Orchestra will also feature guest conductor, Mario Košik. Chief Conductor of the Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra is a musician of international stature, much respected and admired in his homeland as well as abroad. Tickets are priced at \$15, \$25, \$35 and all are available by telephone at 972-205-2790. For more information go to www.garlandsymphony.org.



March 23-April 30 Charlie G Vintage Photography

Granville Arts Center Gallery

Charlie G. was born in 1962 in the City of Los Angeles, California. He has had an extensive career in commercial photography design and illustration. This exhibit will concentrate on his beautifully recreated vintage photographs. Viewing hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm, and during all performances.

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