



General Membership

Meeting

**May 23rd, 2013
7:00PM**

Activity Center

2950 North Shiloh Rd.

ONA Board Elections will be held

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President	Larry Walters
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Membership	Cecile LaBossiere
Communications	Dana Hopkins
Environmental	Joe Fagan
Crime Prevention & Safety	Brenda Olive

2013 – 2014

ONA Nominations

President	Mike Rose
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Treasurer	Dave Morgan
Secretary	Sharon Parrish
District 1	Nancy Walters
District 2	Pending
District 3	Sandra Stevens
District 4	Mary Pattie
District 5	Ernie Gharis
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Respectfully submitted by Nancy Walters, Chair of the Nominating Committee

Thanks to all of you who served on the nominating committee.

City Council by Rick Williams

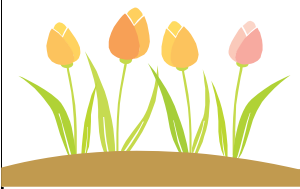
Since the election for Mayor and my replacement as the District 7 councilman is on May 11, this will be my last monthly article for the Oakridge Neighborhood. Rather than my typical lists of tidbits, this article will be a bit more retrospective.

I want to say first and foremost that my association with the fine folks in Oakridge for the last 6 years has been more than a pleasure. Whether it was working with Tony Battaglia on his "Our Heros" parade/benefit for soldiers, or talking to the Daytimers about gardening, or working individually with residents to resolve any number of concerns in the neighborhood, I have learned that there are lots and lots of quality people who live in Oakridge and that has made my job as a councilman very rewarding. I have been very impressed by the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. The Board changed several times during my time in office, but there were always residents willing to step up and serve for the betterment of the neighborhood.

Another observation I can make with great certainty after 6 years deals with the City of Garland staff. Citizens of Garland should thank their lucky stars for this staff. My

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Daytimers by Dianne Winters



April showers stayed away for the Daytimers' meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, at the home of Sally Weiss. The food hostesses, Betty Cavender, Margaret Fowler and Charlotte Vaughter, had prepared

delicious goodies for everyone to enjoy along with the conversation and friendship.

President, Chris Beyers, called on the membership to present the usual reports.

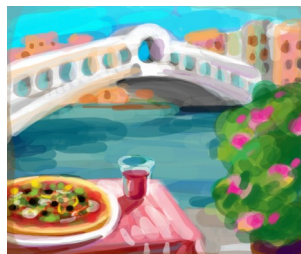
Daytimer members were pleased that Audrey King was back to announce birthdays and Peggy Crenshaw announced the Book Club meeting and plans for voting on the books for next year.

GOGO schedule and the meeting with the golf course owners were announced.

Nominating committee volunteers, Peggy Crenshaw, Margaret Fowler, Suzanne Snow and Sally Weiss, were named. They will present the officers for 2013-2014 at the May meeting.

The "Time Capsule" program was presented by member, Gail Durbin, who has worked diligently with the Girl Scouts. The program she presented is part of a Girl Scout endeavor, the Decade Suitcase Program, to educate the Girl Scout members about the past. The uniqueness of the idea is that the 100 years of the 1900's was divided into decades and memorabilia for each decade was stored in a suitcase that could travel to each group for exhibit and discussion. Gail presented two decades- the 1910 and 1920 suitcases. The items, especially the button hook for shoes, generated great discussion within the group.

Plans for the May Luncheon were announced: Sicilianos Restaurant - May 13th, 11:30. Everyone will enjoy the entertainment that is planned. Peggy Crenshaw is taking payment of \$10.00 for luncheon. This will be the last get together until the September meeting, so please join the group for lunch to hear the Oakridge news and meet your neighbors.



Thanks to all the hostesses who have so graciously invited the members to their homes for the meetings and to the food hostesses who have volunteered to bring food to the

meetings.

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, Chris Beyers – 972 530 8292

City Council by Rick Williams (con't)

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personal dealings have primarily been with the City Manager, Managing Directors, and Department Directors and without exception they know their job very well and are very personable. I read the Metro section of the *Dallas Morning News* every day, and I frequently read about all the bungling and/or corruption and/or discord that took place by staff in other cities, but not in Garland. Yes, we did have one employee convicted of fraud, and she's currently in jail, but this city staff is as professional and competent as you could ever hope.

A part of me will miss dealing with Oakridge residents, city staff, and my fellow council members, but after 6 years, I'm sort of mentally "pooped." With my first grandson being born last October, I'm looking forward to watching him grow and spoiling him like only grandparents can do. I'll continue volunteering at the Dallas Arboretum giving tours and answering the call-in line on the Neil Sperry radio (WBAP 820 AM) on Sunday morning. I'll continue working at my golf game, and I'm in the early stages of becoming a "golf addict."

Finally, I am very interested in who will replace me and who will become Garland's next Mayor. I know all the candidates and I know what I'm talking about when I make a recommendation for these two positions. With regard to the District 7 City Council race, I am supporting **Scott LeMay** (as are the three District 7 Councilmen who served before me including former Oakridge resident Mark Monroe) and I encourage you to do the same. With regard to the Mayor's race, I am supporting **Doug Athas** with whom I served for 5 years on the Garland City Council. I encourage you to join me and support both Scott and Doug on May 11. Mark your calendar now as only about 10% of registered voters vote, so your vote is very important.

All this being said, I'm still in office until shortly after the May 11 election, and so before that date, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to call me (214 535-2648) or E-mail me at rickwilli@gmail.com.

Best wishes to all,

Crime and Safety Report

By Brenda Olive

The crime rate in Oakridge rose during the first quarter of 2013, increasing by 10 incidents over the same period in 2012. There is an evident increase in what can be considered petty crime- for example, breaking of auto windows and/or breaking into and rifling through vehicle contents. We had several such incidents in February and again in March. These same type criminal acts are occurring in other portions of Garland also. Unfortunately, this type of crime is more likely to remain unsolved because there are no leads to follow. The best thing that can happen is for one of the culprits to begin bragging or another one to become angry and "rat out" his friends. In addition, the former country club property has repeatedly been the victim of theft, burglary, and vandalism-- crimes of opportunity. The buildings are there, unoccupied, unattended and have become an attractive nuisance—an invitation to thieves and vandals. Fortunately Officer Barnes has recently been able to get the club's approval to remove the graffiti that was sprayed on several buildings March 25th.

You may have noticed that the current owners removed all the No Trespassing Signs from the former country club property and according to Big Bass Towing; they have not renewed the contract for towing of vehicles from the parking lot. So most likely we can expect to see more individuals fishing or doing other activities on various areas of the former golf course during the upcoming warmer months. For most of us, the course has actually become more of a big, convenient park, with many people enjoying walking, running, biking and other activities. In all likelihood, a large number of residents will miss enjoying those activities if/ when the new owners do decide to do something with the property.

There were 16 incidents in March; there have been 2 between April 1 and April 8.

March 06, theft of property-greater than \$20,000, less than \$100,000 2800 Diamond Oaks Dr. (club)

March 07, burglary- building- 2800 Diamond Oaks Dr. (club)

March 08, burglary- vehicle- 2614 Hickory Bend Dr.

March 08, burglary- vehicle- 2501 Richland Dr.

March 08, burglary- vehicle- 2606 Meadowridge Dr.

March 13, criminal mischief- greater than \$50, less than

\$500- 2814 Grand Oak Dr.

March 13, criminal mischief- greater than \$50, less than \$500- 2830 Grand Oak Dr.

March 13, criminal mischief- greater than \$50, less than \$500- 2830 Grand Oak Dr. (2nd)

March 13, criminal mischief- greater than \$50, less than \$500- 2834 Grand Oak Dr.

March 13, burglary- vehicle- 2109 Rolling Oak Ln.

March 13, burglary- vehicle- 2113 Rolling Oak Ln.

March 13, criminal mischief- greater than \$50, less than \$500- 2818 Grand Oak Dr.

March 13, burglary- vehicle- 2810 Grand Oak Dr.

March 18, identity/info theft- 2222 Overview Ln.

March 18, burglary- building- 2800 Diamond Oaks (club)

March 27, burglary-habitation- 3213 Bending Oaks Trl.

April 03, theft-(all other) less than \$50- 2218 Overview Ln.

April 08, identity/info theft- 2525 Pepperidge Dr.

A word of caution, before disposing of old mail, first remove any names, addresses or other identifying information. A couple of weeks ago, while on patrol, Bill and I came across a large amount of unopened mail, scattered down one of our alleys. Police were called and after reviewing the materials and making inquiries it was determined that it had apparently been discarded in the trash, however, the individuals hadn't removed several pieces of information that could easily have been used for identity theft. For protection, either use a shredder or at the very least, cut or rip the items up before placing them in a plastic bag and tying them securely so that they can't be accidentally blown out of the garbage truck or your garbage can.

Finally, this is my last article for the Oakridge Newsletter. My term of office with the ONA board expires on May 31st. It has been my pleasure to serve in the capacity of Crime and Safety Committee Chair for the past two years. Hopefully, during this time I have provided you with information that has made you more aware of your own safety and security. Thank you for the many kind notes of appreciation for my efforts, as well as those from others letting me know when my articles were "too wordy".

God Bless each and every one of you and our neighborhood!



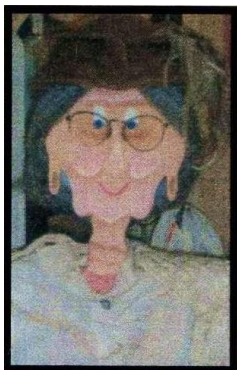
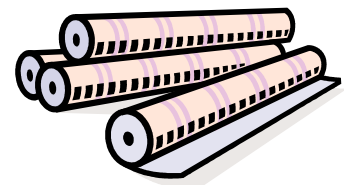
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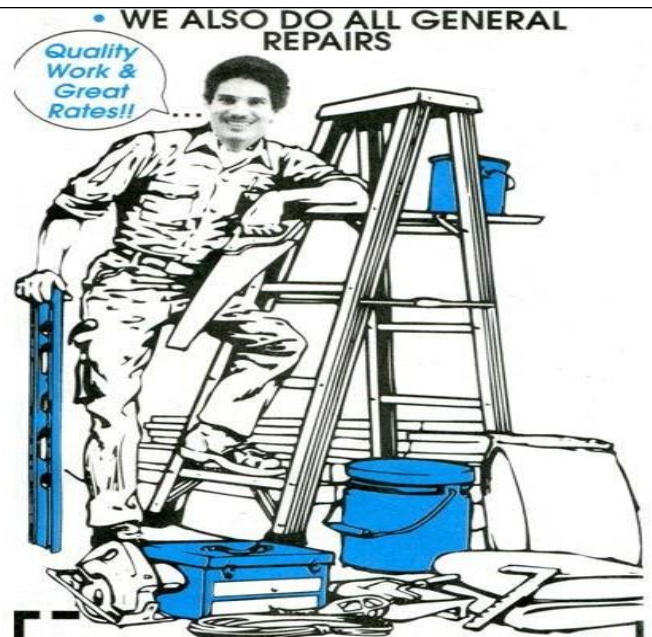
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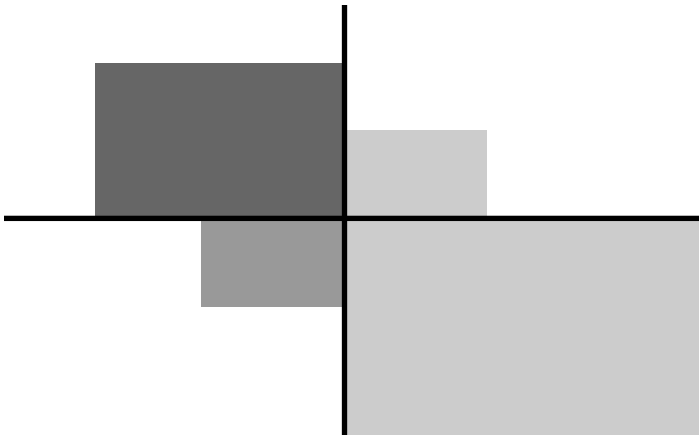
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May 24

**“The Samura Maiden”
by MillerMuller Ballet
7:30 pm Plaza Theatre**

Heritage School of Classical Ballet and MillerMuller Ballet present “The Samurai Maiden”, an original full-length ballet, which will premiere at the Plaza Theater in downtown Garland on Friday, May 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. This world premiere ballet is directed by Hope M. Miller. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty of ballet and the stories it tells and is appropriate for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children and seniors and will be available at the door. Advanced ticket sales coming soon. For further information call (214) 861-7221 or visit our website, www.mmballet.com or the Facebook page for Heritage School of Classical Ballet.



June 1-30

**“Darkness into Light” Art
Exhibit by Faith Artists
Granville Arts Center –
Gallery Space**

Faith Artists presents; “Darkness into Light” a deliberate discovery of hope in the Granville Arts Center Gallery Space June 1-30, 2013. Faith Artists is a group of regional artists committed to promoting and producing faith based visual art that inspire truth and hope. Docent lead Art Discovery Tours are being held Saturday June 22nd 1-3 pm where the viewers can learn more about each piece of art and the creating artist. Garland residents Kendra Walden and Dawn Waters Baker are Founding Board Members of Faith Artists. To learn more visit: www.faithartists.com or email infor@faithartists.com



June 2

**“Once Upon a Dream” by Dance
and More
3:30 pm Plaza Theatre**

Dance And More celebrates their 1st Annual Spring Dance Recital, “Once Upon a Dream...in 2013” on Sunday, June 2, 2013 3:30-5:30pm. Students will perform ballet, pointe, tap, jazz and modern dance. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets are neces-

sary. For more information visit www.DanceAndMoreDallas.com or call 214-221-1467.



June 14-23

**“Singin’ In The Rain” by Gar-
land Summer Musicals
Granville Arts Center – Brown-
lee Auditorium**

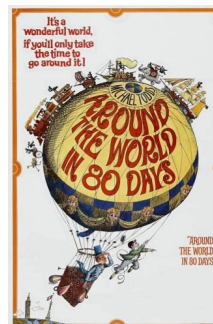
Join the Garland Summer Musicals for this enchanting Hollywood story filled with brilliant music and dance. Songs include: You are My Lucky Star, Make ‘Em Laugh, You Stepped Out of a Dream, All I Do Is Dream of You, and the title song Singin’ In The Rain. This show is under the direction of Buff Shurr and produced by Patty Granville. Performances are at 8 pm on June 14, 15, 21, and 22. Performances on June 16 & 23 are at 2:30 pm. For tickets visit the Granville Arts Center box office or call 972-205-2790. For more information visit www.GarlandSummerMusicals.org.



June 15

**Kim Stinson Retirement
Concert
7 pm Plaza Theatre**

Kim Stinson Retirement Concert - Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Plaza Theatre in downtown Garland. Join us as we celebrate 35 years of theatre magic! Kim Stinson directed theatre at Lakeview Centennial High School from 1978-1988 and Naaman Forest High School from 1988-2013. Join his former students and coworkers as we perform his favorite Broadway and popular tunes in this celebration of his 35 years of directing theatre. Admission is free!



June 17-22

**“Around the World in 80 Days
Unplugged” by BYT
Plaza Theatre**

Join Breilting Youth Theatre for this comedy take-off based on the original Jules Verne story. Very fun for kids & adults! Family Friendly! Fog & Francie, and their servants Gene and JoAnna set out on an 80 day vacation. But Fog and Francie match the description of the local bank robbers and there is a handsome reward for

their capture! The chase is on as they are followed by Detective Fix, an old couple, a little girl and her star struck mother, a news reporter, and the local college band members! Fog & Francie end up in the middle of famous movies of the cities they're traveling through and Fix is always there, keeping his eyes on him! Performances are at the Plaza Theater in Downtown Garland. Tickets for schools & childcare Centers are \$5 each. Performances are Monday June 17th 1pm, Tuesday June 18th 10am & 1pm, Wednesday June 19th 10am & 1pm, Thursday June 20th 10am & 1pm, Friday June 21st 10am & 1pm & 7pm, Saturday June 22nd 2pm & 7pm. For more information visit ActingForChildren.com or call 972-658-3915.



June 28-30

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

Granville Arts Center - Small Theatre

Join Dallas Young Artists for their performance of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” A humorously musical retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph. Performances are June 28 & 29 at 7:30 pm and June 29 & 30 at 2:30 pm. For tickets visit the Granville Arts Center box office or call 972-205-2790. For more information visit www.DallasYoungArtists.org.



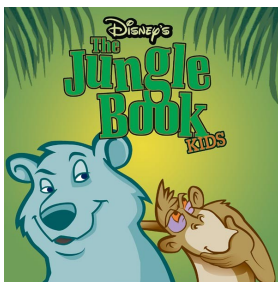
June 27-29

“Cinderella’s Glass Slipper”

by CORP

Plaza Theatre

Company of Rowlett Performers presents this twist on a classic. Cinderella works hard in the home of her cruel stepmother. Her silly stepsisters, Brunhilda and Cleopatra, see themselves as beautiful and think the prince will marry them. The story is ages old, but you’ll meet playful new characters in this fresh adaptation: a brave mouse, a hesitant cat and the amazing Pumpkinhead, who changes into a coach! Our Fairy Godmother has her hands full tutoring an apprentice but still makes time for Cinderella. Performance dates are June 27th and 28th 9:30am and 1:00pm, June 29th 7:00pm and June 30th 2:00pm. Tickets are \$10. Group/daycare ticket prices available for June 27 & 28. Call 972-977-7710 for reservations.



July 12 & 13

“Disney’s Jungle Book”

by Actors Anonymous

7:30 pm Plaza Theatre

Actors Anonymous Theatre Company presents our 8th summer musical *Disney's THE JUNGLE BOOK KIDS!* The jungle is jumpin' with jazz is this exciting Disney classic! Join Mowgli, Baloo, King Louie and the gang as they swing their way through madcap adventures and thwart the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan. Specially adapted from the beloved film, this musical includes all your favorite Disney tunes, like “The Bare Necessities,” and “I Wan’na Be Like You.” With colorful characters and that toe-tapping jungle rhythm, *Disney's THE JUNGLE BOOK KIDS* is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for audiences of all ages. Join us July 12 & 13 at 7:30pm at the Plaza Theatre in downtown Garland for a fun performance appropriate for ALL AGES! Tickets are \$8 for kids & seniors and \$10 for adults. Go to www.thedramaqueens.com for more info and to make reservations!



July 14

“Somewhere in Time” FREE Movie

2 pm Plaza Theatre

Come see this classic film with Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour and Christopher Plummer. Young writer Richard Collier is met on the opening night of his first play by an old lady who begs him to "Come back to me". Mystified, he tries to find out about her, and learns that she is a famous stage actress from the early 1900s, Elise McKenna. Becoming more and more obsessed with her, he manages, by self-hypnosis, to travel back in time where he meets her. They fall in love, a matching that is not appreciated by her manager. Can their love outlast the immense problems caused by their "time" difference? And can Richard remain in a time that is not his? Find out at the Plaza Theatre in Downtown Garland. This FREE movie is sponsored by the City of Garland.



July 19-28

“9 to 5, The Musical”

by Garland Summer Musicals

Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

Join the Garland Summer Musicals for “9 to 5 The Musical” based on the Dolly Parton blockbuster film. Three women team up to take control of their company. In the process they learn there is nothing they can’t do...even in a man’s world. A hilarious story of friendship, revenge and romance! This show is under the direction of Buff Shurr and produced by Patty Granville. Performances are at 8 pm on July 19, 20, 26, and 27. Performances on July 21 & 28 are at 2:30 pm. For tickets visit the Granville Arts Center box office or call 972-205-2790. For more information visit www.GarlandSummerMusicals.org.

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