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Making Memories

Little did my grandfather know how many years his grandchildren would remember and reminisce the Christmas times spent in his home, but each year as the decorations and the artificial tree come down from the attic my thoughts return to the times he took us to cut that years' tree from the woods around his house.

Now the walk itself was an adventure. We had to cross a creek and he always required us to walk across on some large white, flat rocks and keep our feet dry. Each of us remember years when our legs were just not long enough to step from one rock to another and he had to carry us across. Then there was our excitement the first year we could make it across without his help. In my minds eye that creek and those rocks are as vivid as in the days when we were there.

Each year we searched for new cedar trees which would be ready either the next year or in the coming years. Sometimes grandpa (Joe Joe to us) would clear undergrowth which was around the tree so that it would grow into a pleasing shape. Then we would move onto the business of cutting our tree and gathering moss to place around the tree to keep it moist. Now this moss was dug from the ground and would be placed dirt and all on the floor around the tree.

We always knew which corner of the living room would be used for the tree and as soon as the tree had been decorated we were anticipating Santa. By now you have probably figured out that this is one of those stories from the "olden" days. You are right. Many of these Christmas times were during WWII. There were no shopping malls, just the "downtown" stores and there certainly were not shelves and shelves of toys from which to choose.

This was a time when many of our relatives

and friends were over seas fighting in the war and many items such as coffee, sugar, and gasoline were in very limited supply. People took their Ration Stamps and stood in line to get these items. One year during this period of time, my father took discarded wooden boxes and made a toy box and a closet for my doll clothes. My mother took one of my dolls and made a "closet full" of doll clothes. On Christmas morning we were excited to find these things that Santa had left, but we could sense that our mother was disappointed over the limited gifts for her children. Little did she know that this would be the very Christmas which would become the most outstanding Christmas memory of our childhood.

The purpose of sharing these memories is to help us remember that some of the most pleasant times of our lives can come from some of the most simple things around us. So when we take the time to bake cookies with the kids, or let them hang the decorations on the tree all by themselves, or find a Christmas tree farm where they get to cut down the tree; we may have given a sense of family which will be more important than all the expensive "gadgets" that will be under their tree this year.

We want to wish each family in OWG well. We want to remember that there are families here who have family and friends in a foreign land fighting in a war and that their holidays will have an empty place for their loved one.

The Board of Directors for OWG hopes that our Santa's visit will bring happiness and excitement for the children here and will become a pleasant memory of their childhood. We hope to see a lot of neighbors. "Y'all Come".

Annual Christmas Party

Kids, no need to mail a letter to Santa!!!! He will again be in the OWG back park on December 15, 2007 between the hours of 3p.m. and 6p.m. Get your lists made for all the toys you would like to have under your tree this year so you won't leave out anything. There will be goodies to eat and drink and perhaps your parents will let you have just a few more cookies than usual.

Let's make a Christmas card for Santa this year. He really works hard getting all those toys made and put under our trees every year. Maybe we should just tell him how much we appreciate his taking the time from his busy schedule to visit us in OWG. So get out your pencils, colors, scissors, glue, etc. and make your card. There will be prizes for the "neatest" cards.



Welcome to a new Director

Linda "Paulie" Nichols submitted a resume to the OWG Board of Directors and the residents attending the November meeting voted to have her fill one of the Director positions made available when three (3) of the Directors resigned. If you have not met her, come to the next board meeting and get to know her and welcome her to our board.

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Recipe of the Month:



Hot Christmas Punch

1 Cup brown sugar	3 Cups water
1 Tall can pineapple juice	3 T whole cloves
1 large jar cranberry juice	3/4 tsp. salt
6 sticks cinnamon, broken	

Dissolve sugar in water and pour in percolator. Add juices.
 Place cinnamon sticks, cloves, and salt in basket. Percolate.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe please email it to articlesr@peelinc.com.

Cartoon Corner



"I'm allergic to chocolate. It causes swelling in my buttocks and thighs."

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Articles for The Acorn

If you are aware of events that would be of interest to the residents of OWG and would like to see that info in The Acorn, please contact John Hill or Barbara Yates.

COMMITTEES

There is a lot of work for anyone interested in serving on a committee for OWG. The board would especially like to have residents who are not board members be part of those committees. Please attend the monthly board meeting and let us know how and where you would like to serve. The monthly meetings are held in the back park on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you prefer, call one of the board members and let that director know of your interest.



2008 Maintenance Fees

The billings for our home owner maintenance fees are in the mail. The 2008 fees are \$324.39 and can be paid on line with credit cards or checks by logging onto Oakwoodglen.net. If you have any problems with this, please call the management company. Of course, for those of us who do not like to utilize the internet for bill paying, these dues can be paid by check and sent in the mail. Remember the dead line for getting these fees paid is January 31, 2008.

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Contract To Be Signed With Sheriff For Neighborhood Patrols

The OWG Board of Directors has submitted the necessary documents to enter into a contract with the Sheriff to patrol our neighborhood. Beginning the first of the year 2008, we will have a regular assigned officer for our neighborhood. The patrols will be in a sheriff's car and the Security Committee will work with the sheriff's department to determine the days and hours for the patrols.

Sheriff Patrol

At the present time OWG has off duty Sheriff Deputies patrolling our subdivision in unmarked cars. The Security Director, John Hill, and the Security Committee have worked out the hours in which there is the most need for an officer to be in the neighborhood. At this time we are experiencing very positive results from this arrangement. If you know of problems which need law enforcement attention please contact the Sheriff's department at 713-321-6000. If there is an emergency, dial 9-1-1. Also, please attend the regular monthly board meetings to hear the Patrol Reports or to state any problem which you feel needs to be addressed.

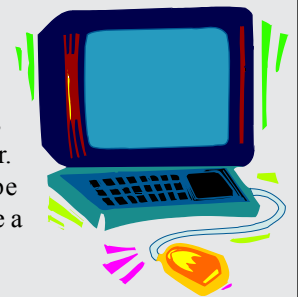
OWG Financial Statements on Line

Residents will soon be able to view the Financial Statements for the Association on line. This is a work in progress, but should be available in about a month. Greg Gillis one of our directors serving as Web Master for OWG is helping the Web Master for PMG transfer info from the previous site to the new site which will be managed by PMG. All of us are anxious for this to be completed, but we do understand that transitions do not take place over night and we would rather that there are few or no problems when this does become available.



Oakwood Glen Website

OAKWOOD GLEN has a new website. Director Greg Gillis is donating his services as Webmaster. We hope to have this website be informational and inspirational. Take a look at www.oakwoodglen.net



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