



# Oakridge News



Welcome to the Spring Storm Season  
 Hello, ONA members. As always, thank you for your support and encouragement of the ONA.  
 Welcome to spring storm season. Already one significant hail storm in Oakridge. Luckily, we are blessed with a neighbor with only one car, and she moves her car over to make room for one of our cars that would otherwise sit out. I remember it was Tuesday night because she had us down for dinner that night for 2-fer (buy 1/get 1) Tuesdays pizza. Pizza, salad, and half of her garage -- now that's a great neighbor.  
 I grew up in Corpus Christi, where there were some significant storms. We decided to "ride out" hurricane Celia, a small-scale hurricane that sat out in the gulf for several days and built up into a major hurricane, with embedded tornadoes. The sound of the wind was deafening. In a near-catatonic state, I spent most of the time under the staircase. I didn't know at the time it was the eye, but I remember the wind stopping for 30 minutes or so, and then picking up again and blowing from the other direction. The neighbor's roof blew off onto ours. Nails were embedded in cars, sand found inside of cans of green beans. No power for about a week. Makes our Oakridge storms seem timid.  
 As a child, I was afraid of storms, especially at night. Luckily, my brother wasn't afraid of anything, so I spent the night in his room during storms. And, his room was especially good for stormy nights because he always hung an old quilt over his window during storms.  
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**God Bless America**

Hello to all,  
 I have just a few items that I would like to bring to your attention this month. Development along 190 is moving at light speed with Firewheel Town Center really taking shape. I also understand that Darden Group has pulled the building permits to begin on the Red Lobster, Olive Garden, and Smoky Bones BBQ. Also you will notice the road construction taken place. NTTA is starting the 190 extension at Firewheel Town Center and will have the service roads in place before the opening of the center. This will help ease that traffic congestion predicted around the area.  
 I as I mentioned last month, the City of Garland will be holding an election on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I am fortunate not to have an opponent this time and I am thankful for those that offered to help with the re-election. Thanks again.  
 There are two important measures on the ballot for May. First, is to eliminate the Unicard systems at our local restaurants. This is important for restaurants, as the present system puts a large financial burden on them. Of course, the hot button is the measure that will allow for the sale of beer and wine in Garland. You will be seeing a lot of information from both sides on this issue and you will need to make an informed decision. I will say that the City Council is taking action to tighten our current alcohol ordinances. I believe that both issues are critical to the future of Garland and I will be voting for them.  
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## THURSDAY, MAY 26

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**ONA General Meeting**

Where - Oakridge Country Club  
 Time - 6:30 Social  
           7:00 Meeting  
 Program - "Controlling the Red Imported Fire Ant"  
 by Kimberly Engler, Entomologist and Program  
 Director for Texas Cooperative Extension  
**Elect the 2005-2006 ONA Officers**

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Oakridge Women's Club (OWC)

The Oakridge Women's club is seeking new members! Please join us! We would love to meet you and your family! The **Oakridge Women's Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

In April, we met at Amy's. We played Keno and had a great time.

In May we are meeting at Little Taste of Italy. Join us at 7 pm on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendar for girl's night out! We are going to the melting pot on May 20<sup>th</sup>. More details to come from Sharron.

If you would like more details about the upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our President, Rita Morrison at 972-495-2961. Or you may e-mail Libby Morse at TOMLIB@comcast.net

*The Oakridge Women's Club is open to all women in the Oakridge neighborhood who share a strong and common bond in the love of our children and families. We welcome prospective new members at all meetings! Annual dues are \$20.00.*

Nominating Committee Report

A meeting of the nominating committee was held on April 11, 2005 at the home of John & Dorothy Mohrle. Present were John Mohrle, Dorothy Mohrle, Martha Boyette and Dianne Winter.

**The committee hereby submits the following ONA 2005 –2006 candidate slate for consideration:**

PRESIDENT — KEITH ENGLER

VICE PRESIDENT — JIM NORRIS

SECRETARY— KAREN ENGLER

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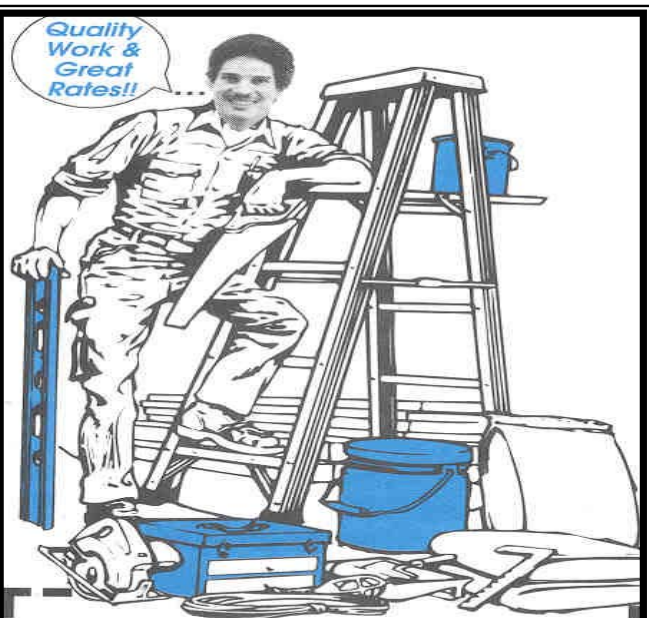


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OAKRIDGE DAYTIMERS by Dianne Winter

The Oakridge Daytimers met on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful spring day, at the home of president elect, Suzanne Snow. Suzanne graciously welcomed the members by decorating with lovely spring flowers from her garden. One vase of flowers created the centerpiece of the table for the food that was supplied by hostesses: Brenda Britton, Beth Fagan, Dot Mohrle, Charlotte Vaughter and Dianne Winter.

Following the food and fellowship the president, Mary Musseman led the announcements.

The May Luncheon will be held at Siciliano's Taste of Italy Restaurant on Buckingham Road in Garland on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. Personal envelopes are available to the members for the return of the payment. Call Mary Musseman at 972-414-1098 with questions.

Other announcements were:

ETC group will meet on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sally Weiss at 1pm. Come join the group to help make favors for the May luncheon.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 the ETC group will meet at the Country Club pool to travel to the Lavender Tea Room near McKinney. Call Jo Dietz at 972-530-8308 for reservations.

The Garden Club will travel to East Texas to visit the garden of Nell Carter on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Country Club pool at 9am to carpool for the trip. Please call Eleanor Nelson or Suzanne Snow to sign up for this event.

Other group meetings and events – Bridge, Canasta, Book Club, Stitch and Chat and Ladies Night Out remain the same as the printed on the calendar. Calendars are circulated at each meeting and are available at the home of Sharon Carlton.

Audrey King announced the birthdays and Martha Boyette gave a report that Audrey Golden is recuperating nicely and will be back at the bridge table soon.

Chris Beyers announced that she has printed more cookbooks for the new members and for sale. Dana Hopkins won the beautiful door prize that was purchased by Jo Dietz.

The talented Pat Cathcart played the piano to accompany a Singalong led by Suzanne Snow. Everyone had such a great time singing these songs. We thank Pat for sharing her talent with us.

*Daytimers is a social organization that requires current or prior residence in Oakridge and \$12.00 dues. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association.*

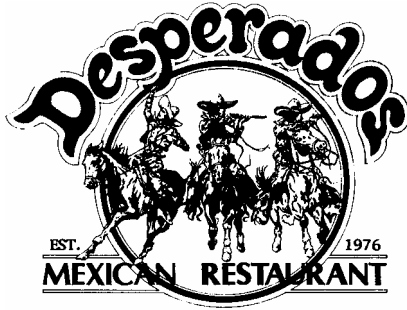
*Any questions should be directed to Mary Musseman, 972-414-1098, or Suzanne Snow, 972-414-3747.*

I was playing golf once in high school, walking of course, and a storm came up. Nobody had fences on the golf course, so we got up on somebody's back porch to ride out the storm. Lightning struck the house next door and caught the roof on fire (cedar shingles). I've never really cared for lightning since then. We were at my in-laws a couple of years ago when the major hail storm hit Oakridge. We didn't think to put my son's truck in the garage that day. It looked kind of like that hammered jewelry. A few weeks later, somebody ran into it one afternoon in front of the house -- the driver was looking down to get some make-up out of her purse and ran into the back of it without ever looking up -- knocked it up into the yard, and totaled it. The other night, my wife and I were finally watching a TV show we had taped, and a scroll came across the bottom of the screen saying we were under a thunderstorm warning. I said, how can that be -- it was

beautiful out, so I stopped the tape and went to the PC and checked the radar. Nothing on the radar. As I re-started the tape, I said I didn't know what they were talking about with the thunderstorm warning.

As I said, welcome to spring storm season. Nelson.





The Cinco de Mayo Festival is right around the corner. 4<sup>th</sup> annual Cinco de Mayo 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

We will have another great grande fiesta out in our parking lot. There will be booths where you can play games and win prizes, bounce houses for the kids, the Dallas Desperados Football Team and much, much more. Of course, we will have all our fabulous food and award winning margaritas for adults to enjoy.

This annual event allows you to help support your local schools as a portion of all the proceeds go directly to the Teacher's Wish List. In the past we have helped Yale Elementary, Big Springs Elementary, Dartmouth Elementary and others.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact us at 972.530.8886.

at Desperados Mexican Restaurant This year we will be celebrating our Fiesta on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from

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<b>Councilman, Mark Monroe</b>	972-495-8028	<b>NPO Tony Blassingame</b>	972 -205-2740

## Can't Believe You Made It ! author unknown

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's. Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have...

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention hitchhiking to town as a young kid!)

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable.

We played dodgeball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one grape soda with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games at all, 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian. How did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment..... Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade.....Horrors.

Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them. *Congratulations*

Last but not least, are the chapter 32 revisions that the City Council has taken on. If you get a chance to watch channel 15, be sure to sit down with a bag of popcorn as the meetings have been quite lengthy. The biggest concern is over rental registration and inspections for single family rental units. I believe that it is in Garland's interest to pass an ordinance that will ensure that minimum housing standards will be enforced in this area of commerce.

If you have any thoughts or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me

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The ONA Board set the dates for the General Membership meetings.  
Mark your calendars:  
September 23, 2004  
March 24, 2005  
May 26, 2005  
Check the ONA web site for current information  
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The ONA Board meets the Third Thursday of each month to conduct the business of the ONA.

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