



# Oakridge News

**ONA GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
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## ONA prepares nominations for board, considers increase in dues

**By Mike Dollar**  
**ONA President**

The ONA fiscal year is coming to a close. The month of June will begin yet another. We will vote for new board members at our General Membership meeting on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. on May 3 at the Oakridge Country Club. Please make plans to attend.

Our nominating committee did an outstanding job locating some super-qualified individuals. I want to thank our Chairman Margaret Fowler, Sharon Carlton, Shirley Mohler, Sally Weiss, Ray Williams, David Winter, and also Dianne Winter for their service on this committee.

After soliciting comments from the neighborhood, we will vote on increasing membership dues by \$1 per month. If you attended the March general membership meeting, you are aware of the current trend in landscape watering, lighting, and repair costs. As you know,

these have become our second largest expense since the addition of entrance and perimeter sprinklers and lights.

At 9 a.m. on May 12, we are meeting at the Diamond Oaks entrance on Buckingham to begin landscape beautification. First the plants will be removed and the soil reconditioned, then all new plants will be planted a week or so later. Keith Engler will be creating a design that requires less maintenance than our current plantings. The plants will, of course, take time to grow into their desired final form.

We hope to renovate additional entrances with the funds donated and earmarked for beautification. All hands are asked to help with the planting.

Finally, our annual neighborhood picnic will be April 21 in the Oakridge Country Club parking lot. There will be free hot dogs, a clown, and city departments including fire and police as well as some neighborhood organizations will be represented.

### ONA Board Nominations

Nominees as submitted by the nominating committee, to be published and considered and voted upon at the May ONA meeting:

- District 3 Director: Sandra Stevens
- District 7 Director: David and Sharon Parrish
- Communications Director: Ben Moss
- Vice President, serving as ex-officio member of Communications Committee: Keith Engler

Submitted by nominating committee, consisting of Chairman Margaret Fowler, Sharon Carlton, Shirley Mohler, Sally Weiss, Ray Williams, David Winter, Dianne Winter

Come meet your neighbors and make new friends in the community, and don't forget to bring the kids.

## I·N·S·I·D·E *this issue*

City council elections happen next month, and District 7 is up for reelection. Two of the candidates have written short articles on their policies. Make your decision now. **Page 2**

The Daytimers are busy as usual. Do your best to keep up with their full calendar by reading about their latest get-togethers. **Page 4**

Along with City Council members being voted for, proposed amendments to the City Charter are on the May ballot. Get the scoop. **Page 5**

Get the latest scores from the senior golfers. Who won what? While you're reading, check out the latest membership rates for the country club. **Page 6**

It's the time of year when carpenter ants can become a problem — unless, of course, you know how to prevent the pesky pests from invading your home. Get a list of chemical and non-chemical control options. **Page 7**

## Final plans in place for Our Heroes event

**By Sherri Rutherford-Franks**  
**ONA Special Events Coordinator**

The final plans are being put in place for the Our Heroes Golf fundraiser slated for May 5 at Oakridge Country Club. A full day of activities is planned and there are plenty of opportunities for all ages to participate. The day will kick off with a patriotic parade at 9:30 starting at Golden Oaks Drive to Diamond Oaks across the bridge to the Oakridge Country Club. You have the opportunity to participate in the parade or an opportunity to watch the parade. A flag ceremony will follow and the shotgun golf event will start at 11:30.

The purpose of the fundraiser is to provide funds for the Dallas Fisher House to be built near the VA hospital; provide phone cards for the wounded troops and provide troops just returning, on leave and preparing to go to Iraq a relaxing day of fun. Opportunities still exist to play golf with the troops and to

sponsor a troop for in this event. Please contact Tony Battaglia at [tonybattaglia@tx.rr.com](mailto:tonybattaglia@tx.rr.com) or 972-496-9637 to play or sponsor a troop, or make a donation to VFW-Our Heroes/Golf and mail to VFW/Tony Battaglia, P.O. Box 451926, Garland, TX 75045.

Bleachers will be set up at the 18th green, just off Diamond Oaks which will give you an opportunity to watch the troops play golf and have a good time with them. This is one golf event where you will have the opportunity to cheer loudly for the troops.

There are opportunities to volunteer in many different areas for this great event. If you would like to participate in the parade, then please contact Sherri Rutherford at [srutherford72@tx.rr.com](mailto:srutherford72@tx.rr.com) or 972-496-5454. Even walking in the parade would show tremendous support for those who do so much for us.

Now, didn't you see plenty of "opportunity" in this article? We'll see you on May 5.

# New retiree seeks Dist. 7 City Council seat

By Rick Williams

My campaign strategy is pretty simple: knock on doors. So, if you are reading this article, I hope we have met or soon will meet, so I can talk to you about me becoming your council representative. My campaign commitments and qualifications are provided on the half-page ad this newsletter, so let me use this little article to say why I am running.

For the first time in my life, I have time for this job. Both my sons are grown (one an A&M grad like me and the other a UT grad), and I retired on Jan. 3 after a 34-year career with the Social Security Administration.

During my 27 years in Garland, I gained valuable experience with

neighborhood issues. In my conversations with many Oakridge residents, I know that we share many of the same concerns, and I believe I am uniquely qualified to deal with those concerns as your council representative.

With my retirement and empty nest status, I will be able to attend Oakridge Neighborhood Association monthly meetings to listen and learn about new issues. Even if you have an individual issue that warrants a one-on-one meeting, put the coffee on, because I'll be over to talk. The bottom line is that as your council representative, this will be my full-time job!

I would appreciate you reading my qualifications in the ad in this newsletter, and I would especially appreciate your vote on May 12.

# District 7 candidate calls for good leaders

By Scott LeMay

For those who don't know me or whom I have yet to meet, my name is Scott LeMay. I have been married to my wife Tiffany for 12 years. We have three daughters, Caitlyn, Morgan, and Reagan. We have lived in our current home for 6 years. We are members of Richland Bible Fellowship Church, and I have been employed by The Container Store for the past 17½ years.

I am a candidate for the Garland City Council, District 7. My reasons for running are simple and straightforward. We as citizens should take a big interest in our future challenges by participating in our present issues. It is not only our right, but our responsibility.

We should have leadership that not only encourages participation but engages it. We must work to rebuild interest in our system of government. We must take an active role again in the decision

making process of government. How do we do that? I think there are three basic steps.

1. Our governing bodies must engage the citizens in a proactive setting.
2. Our government must be responsive to the needs of the people, not reactive to their situations.
3. Our elected representatives must be willing to go outside the norm to get the job done.

That job is serving the people to the best of their ability and beyond. I can do all three of those, and I look forward to showing you how on May 12.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me any time.

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- Work with all in a spirit of cooperation and respect
- Strengthen police and fire services
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- Value diversity and inclusion
- Represent District 7 with honesty and integrity
- Be your full-time Council representative

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# Daytimers enjoy multifaceted March coffee, keeping calendar full

By Dianne Winter  
Oakridge Daytimers

The Daytimers marched right into the home of Cecile LaBossiere for the monthly coffee on Tuesday, March 13. Brunch was served by hostesses Mary Jensen, Arlene Tovey and Ruby Nell Ormon. Cecile also contributed (would you believe it?) biscuits and gravy – quite a treat along with the other tasty dishes. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

President Sally Weiss opened the meeting with the significant events of the month: first day of Spring, St. Patrick’s Day, and Daylight Savings Time, along with one of the quirky names of the day: Goof-Off Day.

The following information and announcements were made by group leaders and officers:

There would be 5 weeks in the month of March, hence two Thursday nights for Ladies’ Night Out.

Sally announced an ETC meeting at her home on April 16 to prepare for the Spring Luncheon to be held at The Veranda Tea Room on Tuesday, May 8.

The ONA picnic will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Oakridge Country Club parking lot, and Sharon Carlton and Shirley Mohler

have planned a display for the Daytimers’ area using the Daytimers’ Sign.

Vice President Cecile LaBossiere reported several items of interest to the neighborhood. She gave the results of the Revitalization Survey and asked for continued participation from the members.

She also noted the work of the Welcome Wagon. Cecile and Sally also announced the upcoming “Our Heroes” golf tournament and asked for volunteers to contact Margaret Goff at the Oakridge Country Club.

Gail Durbin was absent due to travel plans, but it was noted that her dedication to the group through attendance, participation, and dispensing information via e-mail is remarkable.

New member Betty Cavender, who likes “doing nothing,” was introduced.

Norene Murphy announced that Stitch and Chat is still stitching and chatting. Daytimers always enjoy Norene’s smile and the effort she makes to attend the meetings. Norene will celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 7.

Mary Jensen reported that Secret Pals would wrap up their session with a luncheon that will be on Friday, April 20 at the Venezia Restaurant.

Audrey King announced birthdays of the month and reported that Sue Pauley

and Brenda Britton have health problems.

You might want to ask the following people about their accounts of events that overheard at the meeting: Chris Beyers’ vacation story in contrast to Dot Mohrle’s trip to Italy, or maybe Melvia Coppedge’s new style undergarments, and the Altoids story as told by Arlene Tovey.

The Book Club met at the home of Nell Burt on March 16 to discuss the book *Santa Fe Passage* by Jon R. Bauman. Nell had created a display to carry out the western pioneer theme of the book and served southwestern-style snacks.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Dianne Winter at 10 a.m. on April 20 to discuss the book *My Sister’s Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

The April Coffee of the Daytimers will be held at the home of June Parks on April 10 at 10 a.m. Members will display their talents in a show that is eagerly awaited.

*Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$15 dues. Daytimers promote the Oakridge Community and the ONA. Questions should be directed to President Sally Weiss at 972-202-1140.*

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## Oakridge News Clarification

In the Feb. 2007 edition of the *Oakridge News*, the Crime Prevention and Safety article included a sentence, "The Citizens on Patrol are placing warning letters in the mailboxes of neighbors who routinely have outgoing mail in their mailboxes." regarding mail tampering and theft concerns in Oakridge.

To clarify, the Citizens on Patrol **mailed warning letters via first class mail** to Oakridge neighbors.

**Oakridge Senior Golf Association**

By Jim Vineyard

The OSGA started the new playing year with a great month of play, starting the last week of February through March. The following players were winners on respective play dates:

- Mixim on February 28: The winning team consisted of Tom Beyers, Ray Williams, Felix Rotello, and Chuck Brown. Long drive on #6 was James Gray.
- Mixim on March 8: The winning teams (tie for first) were Dill DeLoach, Walt Capps, Bob Yen and Jerry Turner. Also, Jim Vineyard, Ray Williams, and Chuck Brown (Jay Houston blind).
- Mixim on March 13: The winning team was Joe Bennett, Felix Rotello, and Gerry Fisette. Straightest drive on #8 was Jim Tucker.
- Mixim on March 20: The winning team consisted of Bill Gamble, Harold Waterman, and Chuck Brown. Closest to pin on #5 was Art Abbey.
- Proshop on March 29: The winners were James Gray, Joe Bennett, Ralph Morgen, and Chuck Brown. Bob Figone was closest to pin on approach shot to #12.



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# Knock on wood: It takes more than luck to keep carpenter ants away

**By Kimberly Engler-Schofield  
Program Coordinator, Urban-IPM  
Texas A&M University**

Carpenter ants tend to invade homes in Texas throughout the year. They are usually noticed in late winter and early spring, when winged reproductive ants begin looking for a suitable nesting site in a swarming flight.

The winged reproductives usually are entirely black and ¼ to ½ inches in length, but the worker carpenter ants are ¼ to ⅜ inches in length, with a red head and thorax and a black abdomen.

Carpenter ants do not eat wood, but they use protected areas in moist and dry wood as nesting sites. They usually construct two different kinds of nests, a parent nest that contains an egg-laying queen, brood and worker ants, and satellite colonies that usually contains worker ants. The carpenter ants found inside a home may have originated from the parent colony located in a tree stump or woodpile outdoors.

Indoor colonies may be located by looking for piles of sawdust, dead ants and pieces of other insects in such areas as the floor and in window sills.

A moisture meter can locate wet spots in order to find possible nesting sites indoors. Outdoor colonies can be located by examining tree trunks and stumps for trailing ants.

Also, carpenter ants may be seen

traveling over areas like tree branches or vines touching the roof, electrical, and telephone wires in order to enter into structures.

## Some Control Options

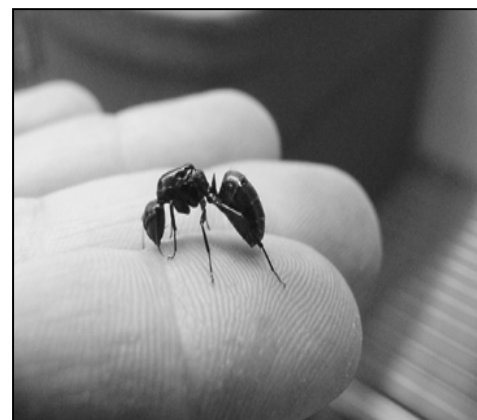
### Some Preventative Actions:

- Reduce moisture problems by fixing plumbing and roof leaks.
- Trim tree limbs and vegetation touching the roof or side of structures.
- Seal cracks and openings in the foundation.
- Remove dead stumps that are close to structures.

### Some Chemical Control Options:

Carpenter ants can be difficult to control, since all the nests must be located and treated. Carpenter ant nests can be located by looking for small piles of sawdust or frass and pieces of dead ants and other insects. Carpenter ant frass is usually pushed out of a small hole in the nest chamber. By locating the small hole, this will usually lead to the nesting chamber. Once located, treat wall voids and other hidden spaces where ants are entering by drilling small holes and injecting chemicals such as dusts in the area. These dusts may contain the active ingredients cyfluthrin, deltamethrin, or boric acid. The dust will disperse to contact and kill the ants.

If no effort is made to locate the outdoor nesting site, the carpenter ant



population will most likely continue to exist. Once the outdoor nesting site is located, insecticides can be sprayed or drenched into the nest.

*To read the full article and others by Kimberly Engler-Schofield, please visit the Oakridge Web site, found at [www.oakridgena.com](http://www.oakridgena.com).*

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