



# Oakridge News

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## President's Letter

By Mark Monroe, ONA President

Thank you to all who attended the General Membership meeting at the beginning of March. The turnout was great considering that the spring gathering is typically the less-attended meeting. I think we even had new members attend and join the ONA.

A committee was selected for the nominating process of the 2009-2010 ONA board. If you are interested in serving in any capac-

ity on the board, please contact Shirley Mohler, chairperson of the nominating committee, at [shirleym7@msn.com](mailto:shirleym7@msn.com). Positions up for nomination are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also there are opportunities to serve as district directors in several of the districts. As I mentioned at the meeting, it is essential that we fill these positions in order for the success in our neighborhood to continue.

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## District 7 Council Report

By Rick Williams, District 7 City Councilman

In last month's article, I sought feedback on the issue of when bulky items should be put at the front curb for pick up, and I appreciate hearing from several constituents. Council is still in the process of tweaking that ordinance, and we are discussing the always controversial issue of where to store those green containers after pick up for houses that do not have alley pick up. Currently, the law says they should be placed **"...next to the side of the main dwelling unit or in a location out of the view of public or adjacent property."** Since residents can put their green container "next to the side" of their house, many are still very visible from the front street. Some citizens have suggested that they should be rolled into the backyard unless there is no backyard access from the front curb, and only then should they be placed **"...next to the side of the**

**main dwelling unit or in a location out of the view of public or adjacent property."** Got an opinion on this? Let me know.

Speaking of green containers, some of you might recall that last July, we increased the residential solid waste pick up rate by \$1.84 due to the sky high price of fuel. Since the price has now dropped considerably, we recently voted to decrease the monthly cost of solid waste pick up by \$0.76 to \$17.33. We also decreased commercial rates by 6%.

Interested in knowing what's going on in Garland and getting the information fast. At the City's web site <http://www.ci.garland.tx.us/Home/>, click the "GARLAND E-NEWS" box on the home page, and you will be brought to a page where you can sign up to receive email messages from the City on items you

can select (e.g., police news, general news, Granville Arts Center, Parks & Recreation, etc.). This is a new feature just introduced by the City to keep citizens informed.

Another new feature on Garland's web site is increased functionality of the streaming video. Click the "CGTV steaming video" box on the home page, and you will go to a page where council meetings, plan commission meetings, and other special events have been archived. What had always frustrated me in trying to find an old council meeting to review what the inability to search. Now there is, and it works! I tried it.

In last month's article, I reported on many changes to Richoak Drive. I have

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## OWC Plans Spring Party

By Libby Morse

Plans are underway for the Spring Party in April! This year's event will be on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Tracy's house. Children of all ages will enjoy an egg hunt, piñata as well as fun and fellowship! Families should bring a snack to share and each child needs a dozen plastic filled eggs to contribute to the egg hunt and a basket to capture all of their goodies!

Join us for our next **Oakridge Women's Club** meeting! We get together the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. In March, we met at Sheila's for fajitas and welcomed Debbie Hard, our newest member!

The next meeting will be held at Maryann's on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** OWC is open to all women in the Oakridge neighborhood who share a strong and common bond in the love of our children and families. Annual dues are \$20.00 that covers our sunshine fund and holiday parties.

If you would like more details about the upcoming events or joining the OWC, please contact our President, Sheila Wange at 972-496-3161 or e-mail Libby Morse at [TOMLIB@tx.rr.com](mailto:TOMLIB@tx.rr.com).

## Restaurant Review

By Joe & Beth Fagan

Vetoni's Italian restaurant in downtown Garland offers an Italian menu for a very affordable price. They have a full bar, along with a wine list, although the wine list is fairly basic. Their restaurant on Broadway is B.Y.O.B.

For an appetizer we ordered the Shrimp Fondue, which we thought was excellent. The four of us enjoyed the food, and rated our dinners as very good. My order was the Chicken Carchovie (artichoke) served with a cream sauce. Yes they have garlic rolls, and they were also tasty. Reservations are not necessary, however on the weekend they have entertainment on Saturday night. Service was average at best, they do a big lunch business, and my advice at dinner would be to tell them to slow down. For more information: [www.vetonispizza-pasta.com](http://www.vetonispizza-pasta.com), or 972 272 9058.

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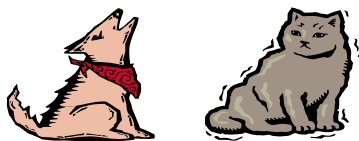
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Plans are underway for the annual neighborhood block parties. If you need further information on this venue, please contact Rebecca Chanez at [rypDallas@yahoo.com](mailto:rypDallas@yahoo.com). We have had great turnout at these events in the past years, and hope to continue this success.

Congratulations to Heather Englebretson who is our Communications/Newsletter chairperson. Her new baby girl made her debut 5 weeks early. Mother and daughter are doing great. As you can tell, Heather's expertise on newsletter have been put on hold. Bear with me and my wife Tami as we attempt to produce this newsletter. Deadlines are not our strength!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 972-495-8028.

**2009 Energy Tax Incentives**  
By David Thomas, CPA [dthomas848@aol.com](mailto:dthomas848@aol.com)

*Hi Neighbors , Hopefully you are enjoying our great spring weather.*

*Residential : ENERGY-SAVING TOOLS : 2009 ENERGY TAX INCENTIVES*

The household maximum tax credit amount is \$1,500. There are tax credits available in the following areas: Insulation, Windows, Skylights, Exterior Door, Duct Sealing and Air Infiltration reduction (this is a fancy description for an air leak). We all have air leaks, also there is credit available for asphalt roofs with cooling granules, which meets or exceeds Energy Star requirements. Yes, central air conditioner, natural gas furnace, natural gas water heater, and solar power generation are available for the tax credit. Improvements and systems must be placed in service between 1/1/2009 and 12/31/2010. Equipment and materials must be new when installed at the taxpayer's home. The manufacturer should provide a certification statement on packaging, website, or in another manner suitable for taxpayer recordkeeping. It is important to note that not all Energy Star-certified products will qualify under these new regulations.

- Additional information is available through [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), [www.aceee.org](http://www.aceee.org), [www.cee1.org](http://www.cee1.org) and [www.energytaxincentives.org](http://www.energytaxincentives.org). See an updated summary matrix at: [http://www.energytaxincentives.org/uploaded\\_files/Tax\\_incentive09.pdf](http://www.energytaxincentives.org/uploaded_files/Tax_incentive09.pdf)
- Credits were not available in 2008, Re-introduced for improvements made in 2009. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is the most recent legislation affecting these tax incentives.

*The information is offered as a service to the community interested in financial incentives for making energy efficiency improvements to their homes. As legislation can change there is no guarantee as to accuracy, completeness or applicability of information. Consult your tax professional for specific advice.*

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also just learned that the City will be replacing some failed concrete pavement areas in Richoak Drive between Shiloh Road and Sam Houston Drive. That project is scheduled for this summer so that it will not affect traffic to and from local schools.

One of the most common complaints I receive is street light outages. About 85% of Garland is service by GP&L and the other 15% is serviced by Oncor. You can report an Oncor street light outage via the Internet or phone. Doing it by phone is a slow hassle, so using the Internet is preferable. After reporting via Internet <http://www.txelectricdelivery.com/community/streetlights/form.aspx>, you receive a confirming automated phone message from Oncor saying it will be fixed within 15 days.

For GP&L outages, both phone and Internet reporting are fast and easy. The phone number to call is 972-205-3483. Report via the Internet with this link:

<http://www.garlandpower-light.org/electeither.html>. If in doubt about whose light it is, contact GP&L. If it is not their light, they will contact Oncor. This is just another example of the helpful service provided by the City of Garland.

Looking for a job? I attended the Early Local Census Office (ELCO) opening in Plano on February 4 and was given a tour of the office. That office has oversight for 30 counties, and currently they are processing job application. Census jobs pay from \$11.75/hr. to \$16.50/hr. plus mileage reimbursement. They need about 900 such employees in the 30 county area. You can find much more information at [www.2010censusjobs.com](http://www.2010censusjobs.com). The official census day is April 1, 2010.

On February 24, Mayor Jones, Council representatives Cox, Willis, and I met for about one hour with two employees of the *Dallas Morning News* (DMN) regarding the problem of the *Briefing* newspaper cluttering up Garland Neighborhoods. Recently, the DMN has reduced the number of *Briefing* newspapers being delivered in Garland by

about 50%, and their goal is to deliver only to homes that desire to receive this little publication. I was favorably impressed by the attitude of DMN representatives, and it seems the ordinance Garland passed to require unsolicited papers to be thrown within 5' of the front door got their attention.

Since I'm a lover of flowers and plants, my favorite time of the year is about to arrive—Spring. When I was obtaining my Ornamental Horticulture degree from Richland College, one of my favorite teachers was Karen Forbes who now teaches at Naaman Forest High School. She contacted me about a plant sale they are going to have, and I told her I would glad to give it a plug in my monthly article, so here goes:

#### Garland ISD Livestock & Plant Sale.

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Saturday Events: Plant Sale: 8:00 a.m. until sold out

Livestock Show 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Livestock Auction begins at 2:00 p.m.

Naaman Forest High School FFA grows bedding plants, vegetable starts, hanging baskets and tropicals for the plant sale. The proceeds from the plant sale help fund the horticulture program and the Naaman Forest FFA Chapter.

February 28 is about when you should start buying plants for your Spring gardening, so help support Garland students by marking your calendar now for this event.

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

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# March Oakridge Daytimers Coffee

By Christine Beyers

The March Coffee for the Oakridge Daytimers was held Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Betty Prickett. Our business meeting conducted by President Sharon Carlton, included discussion on various topics and upcoming events. Last month's Meat and Casserole recipes have now been distributed via email. This month we are gathering recipes for Bread, Rolls and Crackers; and these should be given or sent to Sharon Carlton. Remember to keep up with these monthly recipes so you'll have a great collection of tried and true dishes for any occasion. Speaking of food, our May meeting will be a luncheon at Taste of Home in Wylie. Also, there are great little shops in the area for those who wish to browse and shop following lunch.

Jo Ann Williams presented details for a March 19<sup>th</sup> "Fun on the Run" event ... lunch at Café Max followed by a trip to the Eise-mann Center to view the Richardson City Art Association Regional Show which includes a painting by Oakridge resident and award winning artist, Becky Parks. Reminder ... the group trip to the King Tut exhibit (and lunch) is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>. Jo Ann Williams can provide details and answer any questions regarding these "Fun on the Run" events.

The March Book Club selection is Mao's Last Dancer. Even if you have not read the book, you are welcome to attend the March Book Club meeting to be held at Betty Prickett's home. The April Book Club meeting will be at the home of Dianne Winter where Home to Big Stone Gap will be discussed.

April Birthdays were announced by Audrey King. Members in

attendance signed cards to be sent to Betty Thomas who has relocated to California and Norene Murphy, both former Daytimers. Former Oakridge resident Gail Durbin came to our March meeting. It is always great fun when Daytimers Alumni are in town and able to visit with us once again.

We were all "winners" when a generous basket of decadent Chocolate Truffles was passed around to reward correct responses to the Trivia Game conducted by Suzanne Snow. Who knew ... Mah Jongg is a Chinese phrase meaning "a sparrow of 100 intelligences". You never know when information like this will come in handy!

After exercising our brains, it was time to enjoy the delicious food dishes prepared by this month's food hostesses: Jo Dietz, Beth Fagan, Shirley Mohler, Beverly Pierce and Charlotte Vaughter. Great job, ladies ... the food was wonderful!

Next month's meeting will be held at Sharon Carlton's home. Everyone is advised to wear "comfortable attire", as Becky Parks will lead us in some chair exercises and provide helpful pointers to maintain fitness.

Any ladies interested in sharing fun and fellowship are encouraged to join our group. Daytimers is a social organization that requires residence in Oakridge and \$15.00 yearly dues. Daytimers promotes the Oakridge community and the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. Any questions should be directed to President, Sharon Carlton at 972-530-4317.



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